



Welcome to

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

MASS CENTRES

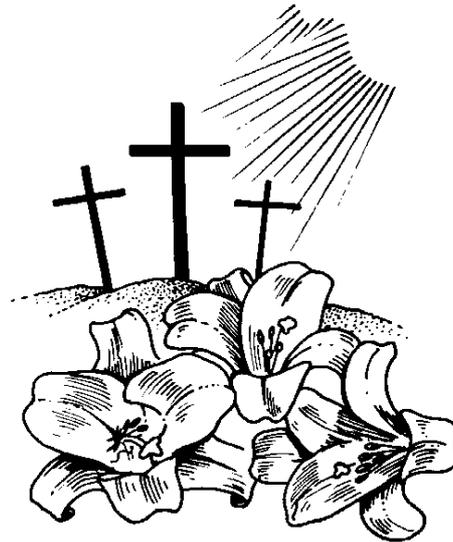
- **KINGSCOTE:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Cnr Giles/Todd Sts
Sunday - 9.30am
- **PARNDANA:** Uniting Church,
Cook Street
2nd Sunday - 2.30pm
- **PENNESHAW:** St Columba's
Anglican Church, Cnr North
Terrace and Fourth Street
1st Sunday - 2.00pm

SPONSORSHIP

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

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



FIRST READING

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

*This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Christ has become our paschal
sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the
Lord. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb'

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Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish

PARISH NOTICES

Mass next week: Kingscote 9:30 AM
Parish Council next weekend after Mass

Mass Roster 28th April:

Readers: A Gibbs C Pahl.

Gifts: Wales family.

Sp. Ministers: S Semler M Slagter.

Cleaning / Coffee: A Bevan.

Please pray for.....

Monsignor Denis Edwards

And for those who are sick:

Charles Gorman, Maureen Dunn.

May all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing presence.

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for supporting us this year as we showcase the many ways we work around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Caritas is working with communities providing hope for a just and fair world for all generations, backgrounds, cultures and communities, who are part of one human family. You are empowering communities to break free from the cycle of poverty whilst ensuring they are the architects of their own development. Lives change when we all give 100%.

Please return your Project Compassion envelopes and boxes as soon as possible so that your donation can be forwarded on to Caritas Australia.

Fair Trade Easter Eggs

As we reflect on ways to give expression to our Gospel pathways perhaps you, your family, your parish, your school, your community might think about who is suffering so that you might have chocolate this Easter, in fact, chocolate on any day. How aware are you/we about how cocoa for the chocolate we consume is sourced.....? Are people, children giving their lives for your chocolate? Are people earning a fair wage for the chocolate that is produced...?

<http://fairtrade.com.au/>

Enter your tomb

I have a friend who suffered abuse as a child. As an adult, the abuse caused problems for her relationships. It also led her to self-destructive behaviour, like addiction and promiscuity.

But then she entered her “**tomb**” and found that God wanted to raise her like he raised Jesus.

We all live with tombs, where parts of us have died. Memories of being hurt. Memories of hurting others. Self-destructive behaviours. Our world has tombs too. Pockets of war and poverty. Nursing homes or hospitals where the old and sick line alone.

But God removed the rock from Jesus’ tomb and raised him. By doing that, God told all humanity that there is new life after the painful things we have suffered through. But you have to enter the tomb to see and believe.

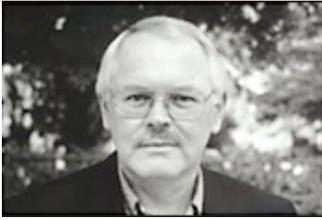
We do that by facing our painful memories and mistakes. We allow ourselves to cry when recalling how we’ve been hurt instead of gutting it out. We apologise instead of being proud. We also do that by facing our world’s pain. We turn toward the people and places that many people ignore because they are afraid or too busy. We turn toward them whether they live in our homes, neighbourhoods or in different countries.

But we don’t have to enter these tombs alone. We can bring God’s power with us. We bring it when we pray or seek guidance from the Scriptures about our painful memories or mistakes. We bring it when we seek help from friends, family, or professionals. We bring it when we respond to our world’s pain with Jesus’ compassion and nonviolence.

My friend entered her tomb. She sought help from counsellors and her faith to face the abuse she suffered. As a result, she is now a stronger and happier person who makes a real difference in the lives of others.

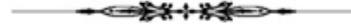
Once again, God rolled back the stone and raised someone to new life. Jesus’ Resurrection was only the beginning. I’ve seen and I believe.

What tomb or tombs in your life or in the world do you need to enter with God?



Ron Rolheiser column

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AND ALL MANNER OF BEING SHALL BE WELL

We are all, I suspect, familiar with the famous expression from Julian of Norwich, now an axiom in our language. She once famously wrote: In the end all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of being shall be well. To which Oscar Wilde is reported to have added: “And if it isn’t well, then it’s still not the end”

Few words better express what we celebrate in the resurrection of Jesus. Belief in the resurrection, belief that God raised Jesus from the dead, constitutes the very ground of our Christian faith. Everything else we believe in as Christians is grounded on that truth and, as St. Paul says, if that isn’t true, if Jesus wasn’t raised from the dead, we are the most deluded of all people. But if God did raise Jesus, and we believe that he did, then not only can the rest of Jesus’ message be trusted, we can then live with the ultimate consolation that the end of our story has already been written and it is a happy, ecstatic ending. We will in the end, live happily ever after. Life is indeed a fairy tale.

How does the resurrection of Jesus guarantee that? Here’s how Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, that wonderful scientist and mystic from the previous generation, answered. Once, having just made a presentation within which he presented a vision of how the cosmos and all of life will come together in one final harmony inside the Cosmic Christ at the end of time, he was challenged by a skeptic to this effect: “That’s a lot of wishful thinking and optimism. But suppose we blow up the world with a nuclear bomb, what happens to your wishful thinking then?” Teilhard’s answer wonderfully distinguishes genuine Christian hope both from wishful

thinking and natural optimism, even as it affirms what the resurrection of Jesus guarantees. He responded in words to this effect: “If we blow up the world with a nuclear bomb, well that would be a two-million-year setback. But what I’m proposing will happen, not because I wish it so or have empirical evidence to warrant it. It will happen because Christ promised it, and in the resurrection, God showed that God has the power to deliver on that promise.”

What we believe in as Christians is not based on wishful thinking or natural optimism, it’s based on the word and promises of Jesus and the trustworthiness of that word and those promises is guaranteed by the resurrection of Jesus. When we believe this, we can live our lives without undue anxiety about anything, confident that the end of our story is already written and that it’s a happy ending.

If we believe that God raised Jesus from the dead, if we believe in the resurrection, then, in essence, we believe that the world is already saved. We don’t have to save the world; we only have to live in face of the fact that we believe it has already been saved. And if we live in face of that belief we can risk everything, risk our very lives, knowing that our ending of our story has already been written and that it’s a happy one, no matter how dire things might look at present.

We see a wonderful example of this kind of belief in Archbishop Desmond Tutu, one of the key figures in opposing and eventually bringing down apartheid in South Africa. At the heart of the struggle to bring down apartheid, facing every kind of threat, he remained steadfast and even joyful in face of threats and overwhelming odds. What anchored him in his steadiness and joy? Belief

in the resurrection of Jesus.

Occasionally on a Sunday morning when he would be preaching, armed soldiers would come into the church and line-up along the isles with their weapons in hand, hoping to intimidate him. Tutu, for his part, would smile at them and say: “I am glad you’ve come to join the winning side! We’ve already won!” In saying this, he wasn’t talking about the battle over apartheid which, at that point, was still far from won. He was talking about the resurrection of Jesus, the definitive triumph of goodness over evil, which assures that, in the end, goodness will eventually triumph over evil, love over division, justice over injustice, and life over death.

Knowing that, we can live life in confidence and hope. It will end well, not because we wish it so or because things are looking that way for us. It will end well because Jesus promised it would and in the resurrection, God backs up that promise.

Hence there’s nothing to fear, nothing – not defeat, not threat, not loss, not sickness, not even death. The resurrection of Jesus assures us that in the end all shall be well, and all shall be well, and every manner of being shall be well; and if it isn’t well ... well, then it’s still not the end!

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 Honeypot 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 8.15am (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 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 9.00am

VICTOR HARBOR

St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 11.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday 9.00am
1st Friday Benediction following Mass

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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she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

DID YOU KNOW?

- At the time of Jesus, women were not considered to be reliable witnesses in a court of law.
- The burial practices of the time required that the body be anointed with spices, but Jesus had been buried in haste before the Sabbath, so the women are now returning at the first opportunity to complete the process of his burial rites.
- The Jewish Sabbath runs from sunset on Friday night to sunset on Saturday night, so the dawn of Sunday morning (the first day of the week) was when this action could take place.
- The first witnesses to the resurrection are women. This echoes the faith demonstrated by Mary at the beginning of Luke's Gospel, when she says 'yes' to God's plan for her.

EXPLORING THE WORD

Spend some time reading over the many Scripture texts used in the past three days, especially those of the Easter Vigil liturgy, which trace the relationship between God and God's

people. The first three tell the story of creation, the promise to Abraham and the deliverance of Israel from bondage. The extracts from the prophets give voice to God's love for God's people. The New Testament readings reflect on the final and definitive act of God—the passing over of Jesus from death to life and our sharing in this mystery through baptism. These are the 'mighty works' of God on behalf of the people.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

The first day of the week, Sunday, has a special significance for Christians because of the resurrection of Jesus. It is known as the Lord's Day and was set aside from earliest times as the day for the community of believers to gather for the Lord's Supper or Eucharist.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(22 - 28 April)

- **Monday, 25:** Monday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15)
- **Tuesday, 26:** Tuesday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18)
- **Wednesday, 27:** Wednesday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35)
- **Thursday, 28:** Thursday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 3:11-26)
- **Friday, 29:** Friday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 4:1.12; Jn 21:1-14)
- **Saturday, 30:** Saturday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15)
- **Sunday 31:** SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER (Acts 5:12-16; Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31)



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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