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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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(All items for the newsletter must be
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 9.00am

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what
was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light;
can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the
wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour
me, jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in
the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for
myself will sing my praises.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125

*The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. <R>
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. <R>
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. <R>
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back full of song, carrying their sheaves. <R>

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For



him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

April anniversaries:

Josephine Bannan, Ray Bannan, Elizabeth Black, Wilma Buick, Karen Cairney, Gwen Chalmers, Ambrose Clark, Robert Clark, Tony (Noxy) Clark, Francis Clarke, Catherine Commerford, Sarah Cunningham, Jimmy Dow, Tate Furniss, Monika Gibbs, Lynne McArdle, Mary O'Brien, Norah Ridge, Verna Trethewey, Beryl Williams, Albert Willson, Keith 'Hoppy' Willson, Jim Higgins.

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
6/4	P Bennett	M Glynn	C Brinkley
13/4	Palm Sunday		
	A Clark	W Bennett	C Brinkley
20/4	Easter Sunday		
	M Slagter	L Grant	A Clark
27/4	P Bennett	K Hammat	A Clark

PRIEST ROSTER

06 April	Fr My Tran
13 April	Fr Paul Ghanem
17 April	Fr Paul Cashin
18 April	Fr Paul Cashin
19 April	Fr Paul Cashin
20 April	Fr Paul Cashin
27 April	Fr Jacek Wokcik

MARIAN PROCESSION

The 76th Marian Procession will be held on Sunday, May 18 beginning at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square. The Procession will commence at 2.00pm and all are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220.

THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The April edition of The Southern Cross will be published as an insert in The Advertiser on Saturday April 12. It will also be delivered to parishes for free in time for distribution at Mass centres over Easter



EASTER 2025

EASTER MASS TIMES

- **Holy Thursday - 17 April** •
6.30pm - Reconciliation Service
7.00pm - Mass of the Last Supper
- **Good Friday - 18 April** •
9.30am - Stations of the Cross
3.00pm - Commemoration of Passion of our Lord
- **Holy Saturday - 19 April** •
7.30pm - Easter Vigil
- **Easter Sunday - 20 April** •
9.30am - Mass



Principal Ada teaches an English lesson in her Samoan primary school

Pope Francis has spoken a great deal about our need for more women to occupy positions of leadership, both in the Church and in the world at large.

In his wonderful letter about the way we belong to each other, Fratelli Tutti, he says 'the organization of societies worldwide is still far from reflecting clearly that women possess the same dignity and identical rights as men.

Caritas Australia, whom we support through Project Compassion, has long acted in constructive ways to uphold the dignity of women and honor their strength, resilience and leadership.

Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need. You can support Project Compassion donation boxes, envelopes or online.

CALENDAR 2025

- 12 Apr Last day School term 1
- 13 Apr Palm Sunday
- 17 Apr Thursday of Lord's Supper
- 18 Apr Good Friday
- 18 Apr Holy Places Appeal
- 19 Apr Holy Saturday
- 20 Apr Easter Sunday
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 28 Apr First day School term
- 18 May St Vincent de Paul Appeal
- 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

BLESSING OF HOPE

So may we know the hope that is not just for someday but for this day - here, now, in this moment that opens to us: Hope not made of wishes but of substance, hope made of sinew and muscle and bone. Hope that has breath and a beating heart, hope that will not keep quiet and be polite, hope that knows to holler when it is called for, hope that knows how to sing when there seems little cause, hope that raises us from the dead not someday but this day, every day, again and again and again and again.

Jan Richardson





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

SEARCHING FOR JESUS IN THE AFTERNOON OF CHRISTIANITY

Where might we experience Jesus today in a world that is seemingly too crowded with its own concerns to allow a space for him?

The renowned spirituality writer Tomas Halik, in a recent book entitled *The Afternoon of Christianity*, makes this suggestion. As the world makes less and less explicit space for Jesus, we need to search for him more and more in those places where he is “anonymously present”. Halik’s counsel: “Let us search for him ‘by his voice’ like Mary Magdalene; let us search for him in strangers on the road like the disciples on the road to Emmaus; let us search for him in the wounds of the world like the apostle Thomas; let us search for him whenever he passes through the closed doors of fear; let us search for him where he brings the gift of forgiveness and new beginnings.”

The invitation here is to better respond to the signs of the times, given that we are living now in what he calls “the afternoon of Christianity”.

What is *the afternoon of Christianity*?

He distinguishes three periods in the history of Christianity. He sees the *morning* of Christianity as the time before 1500 AD, the pre-modern period, the time before secularization. The *noonday* of Christianity, for him, is the time of secularization and modernity, basically from the 19th century until our own generation. The *afternoon* of Christianity, for him, is our time today, the post-modern world, where we are witnessing a breakdown of much of the world as we once knew it with the effects of this on faith and religion. And for Halik, the effect of all of this is that *the Christian faith has now outgrown previous forms of religion*.

Wow! That’s quite a statement! However, what Halik is proposing is not that the faith is dying, that

Christianity is dying, or that the churches are dying. Rather, for him, Christianity today finds itself in a certain cultural homelessness, in a time where so many social structures that once supported it are collapsing, so that the Christian faith is now needing to seek a new shape, a new home, new means of expression, new social and cultural roles, and new allies.

And how will that turn out? We don’t know. But here’s Halik’s hunch: Christianity will not, as many fear, lose its identity and become a non-religious faith. It will not disintegrate into some vague, doctrineless, boundaryless, privatized spirituality. Rather, the hope is that (paradoxically) the very dynamism and diversity that frightens many Christians is the incubation phase of the Christianity of the future.

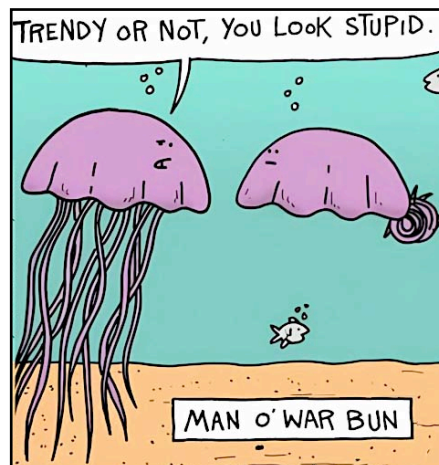
For him, the challenges that Christianity faces today invite us to bring faith into a new space, like Paul did when he brought Christianity out of the confines of the Judaism of his day. Here is how Halik puts it: “I believe that the Christianity of tomorrow will be above all a community of a new hermeneutic, a new reading, a new and deeper interpretation of the two sources of divine revelation, scripture and tradition, and especially of God’s utterance in the signs of the times.

How is this all to happen? That’s the thesis of the book. Chapter after chapter lays out possibilities of how we might more courageously read the signs of the times and rather than water down any of the substance of the Christian faith, let the signs of the times lead us to a deeper understanding of both scripture and tradition, especially so that we might bring together in better harmony the Christ of cosmic evolution with the Resurrected Jesus; and then recognize that they are both not just present in what is explicit in our Christian faith and worship, they are also *anonymously present* in the evolution of our culture and society.

Consequently, we need to search for

Jesus Christ not just in our scriptures, our churches, our worship services, our catechetical classes, our Sunday schools, and our explicit Christian fellowship, though of course we need to search there. But, like Mary Magdalene, we need to recognize his voice in the caretaker at the cemetery; like the discouraged disciples on the road to Emmaus, when we no longer have the answers, we need to recognize his presence in strangers whose words make our hearts burn inside us; like the doubting Thomas, we need to overcome our doubts about his resurrection by touching his wounds as they are now manifest in the poor and the suffering; like Jesus’ first community who barricaded themselves behind a locked door out of fear, we need to recognize him whenever, inside our huddled fear, something expectedly breathes peace into us; and we need to recognize his presence inside us every time we receive forgiveness and are empowered to begin again. This isn’t a time of dying, it’s a time of *kairos*, a time when we are being invited to open our eyes in a new way so as to recognize the Christ who is walking with us in some unfamiliar forms.

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):
BSB 066-782
A/c No 100027201
Reference: Your name

2nd Collection (Support for our Parish):
BSB 066-782
A/c No 100000067
Reference: Your name

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

CHILD PROTECTION

We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children and young people.

We believe that all God's children and young people 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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EMERGENCY EVACUATION

In the event of an emergency please follow the directions of the Commentator, who will act as the Warden and take control of the situation.

When directed to evacuate the building:

- Move quickly and orderly to the nearest safe exit, do not run;
- If required, provide assistance to disabled persons and the elderly;
- Alert the Warden if someone is unable or unwilling to evacuate;
- Proceed to the designated assembly area and await further instructions from the Warden or emergency services;
- Do not re-enter any buildings until advised by the Warden or emergency services.

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GOSPEL

John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of every-body, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remain-ed standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

A STONY RECEPTION

The board of directors' decision to hire a consultant to come up with some new fundraising strategies at the financially hurting organisation was met with huge resistance. Long before the consultant's first day, the company rumour mill had begun, and by the time the "outsider" came face to face with the employees, they had painted him as an axe-wielding brute intent on slashing every beloved program currently in place.

As the company president was introducing him, the consultant scanned the room and saw nothing but scowls. Before he had a chance to say good morning, the accusations – thinly veiled as questions – bombarded him from all directions. Some of the assumptions were so ludicrous, he didn't even know how to respond.

Wild fear that somehow the consultant would stand in judgment of each employee and expose personal failures and incompetencies fuelled the anger and panic: "How can you possibly understand our business? Most of us have worked here for years. You have no idea what goes into our programs or what our donors want. We're wasting our money on you."

And so it went – with no stone left un-thrown. It seems Jesus' "the one who is without sin" rule didn't apply that day. *GPBS eNews*

The Commissioning

Don't dwell on the past; don't get hung up on what has happened. Look expectantly, look confidently, to what is now possible.

- In Christ, those without hope will find hope.
- In Christ, those in wheelchairs will get everywhere.
- In Christ, women and children will get the respect they deserve.
- In Christ, the refugee will find a home.
- In Christ, the infirm elderly person will find support.
- In Christ, the mentally ill will know compassion.

Is this wishful thinking?
In the spirit of Christ, all is possible.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(07 - 13 April)

- **Monday, 08:** Mon, 5th week Lent (Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11)
- **Tuesday, 08:** Tuesday, 5th week Lent (Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30)
- **Wednesday, 09:** Wed, 5th week Lent (Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28; Jn 8:31-42)
- **Thursday, 10:** Thursday, 5th week Lent (Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59)
- **Friday, 11:** Friday, 5th week Lent (Jer 20:10-13; Jn 31-42)
- **Saturday, 12:** Saturday 5th week Lent (Ezek 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56)
- **Sunday, 13:** PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD (Entrance: Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56)

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