



Welcome to

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

SPONSORSHIP

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

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

WEEKEND MASSES

This weekend Mass will be held at
Kingscote at 9.30am.

Due to current COVID-19
restrictions (1 person per 2 sqm) we
are only permitted up to 78 people in
our Church.

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

Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24

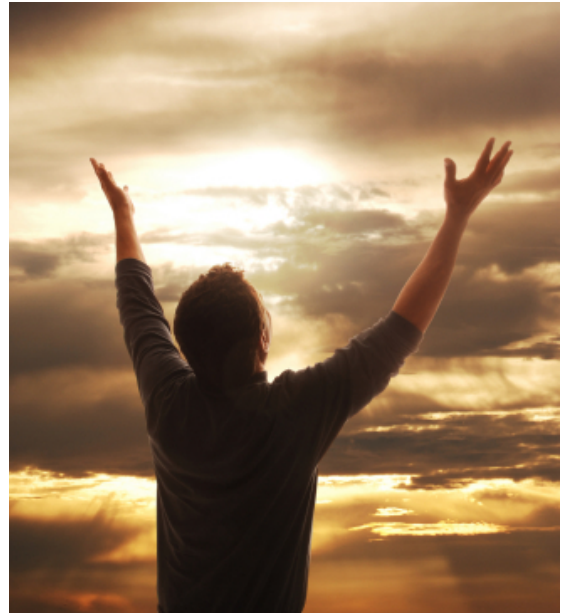
*Give thanks to the Lord for he is
good, his love is everlasting.*

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

Jn 20:29

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 20:19-31

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.'

*'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.

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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Michelle Glynn, Carmel Northcott

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

Recently deceased: Lynne McArdle

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

ROSTERS

Comm	Reader	Cleaning
11/4 K Hammat	L Grant	H Mumford

COVID Marshal
11/4 J Fernandez

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)
11/04 Fr Paul Gahnem
18/04 Deacon Andrew
25/04 Fr Prathap

PLENARY COUNCIL – CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

The first Assembly of the Plenary Council originally planned for Adelaide in October 2020 was postponed due to COVID pandemic. It will now be held in multi-modal form online from October 2 – 10, 2021. As we journey towards the first Assembly, the Thematic Discernment Papers have been released in “Easy English” versions. These versions have been simplified and provide explanations throughout of the meaning of commonly used terms.

These new releases are available on the Plenary Council website: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/tools/>

DATES

25 Apr ANZAC Day
26 Apr ANZAC Day public holiday
27 Apr First day School Term 2
14 Jun Queen's birthday holiday
4 Oct Labour Day holiday

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the winners of our Easter Raffle - 1st Prize - Chari, 2nd Prize - Liz Grant, 3rd Prize - Josh Mumford. Thank you to everyone for your support.

SINGING AT MASS

We are now permitted to sing at Mass, but only if wearing a mask. The current Covid regulations are listed on page 4 of this bulletin.

SCAM EMAIL

Beware of a scam e-mail supposedly from Fr Josy requesting money to help out one of his friends. Please ignore the request and delete the message.

EUTHANASIA BILL

You would have seen a pastoral letter from Archbishop O'Regan on the proposed Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill currently before State Parliament. This letter ([attached](#)) has also been sent to all MPs, and parishioners are encouraged to contact their local Member to reinforce the Catholic Church's position on this important issue.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

A reminder to all parishes and groups within the Archdiocese to be aware of and to revisit the policies, procedures and resources provided by the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide Child Protection Unit <https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-people/child-protection-unit> in relation to any Children's Ministries or events.

The Child Protection Unit has asked for parishes to attend to the following as needed:

- to conduct or organise Child Protection training as required for those involved in ministry to children
- to complete the Risk Assessment document for each area of children's ministry or event as can be found at <https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/files/f/45760/Risk%20Assessment%20Checklist%20Tool.pdf>

This would include all children ministries such as Sacramental Catechesis, Liturgy of the Word with Children, Religious Education and Formation of children and any other events held with children. For further information, support, advice or additional resources, please contact the Catholic Archdiocese Child Protection Unit (8210 8159). Family Faith Formation Advisors: Sr Jenny Seal jenny.seal@cesa.catholic.edu.au

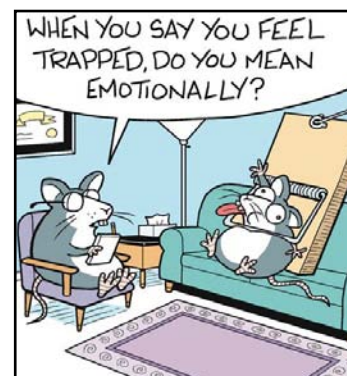
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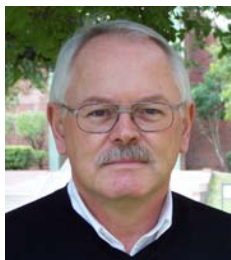
PEACE PAST ALL UNDERSTANDING

Years back I attended the wake of the father of my cousin's fiancée (it's an Irish thing). As my father, sister, and I stood in line to wish our condolences to the man's widow, whom we'd never met, we heard a commotion near the coffin. "No! No! Don't go near her," several voices called out as others tried to restrain a man from approaching the widow. "It's OK," the widow said softly. "Let him go". The man, who looked a crumpled mess, embraced the widow, burst into tears, and cried out, "I am so sorry. I am just so sorry". The widow held him tightly, rocked him, and murmured, "Shh ... quiet now. Calm down. He's at peace. You be at peace".

As word spread to our section of the line, we learned that the sobbing man was none other than the person responsible for the death of my cousin's fiancée's father. Apparently, the two men were dear friends and the sobbing man accidentally ran over his friend on a drunken stupor. It was a surreal experience for those of us mourners who were only distantly connected to any of the players in this tragedy. But the widow's compassion left an indelible impression on all of us. The peace she possessed, which she so graciously offered to another, was surely the peace of Christ.

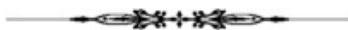
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Ron Rolheiser column

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 POWER OF BEAUTY

The world will be saved by beauty! Fyodor Dostoevsky wrote that, Dorothy Day quoted it, and centuries before Jesus, Confucius made it central to his pedagogy. They were on to something. Beauty is a special language that cuts through and sidelines all the things that divide us – history, race, language, creed, ideology, politics, economic disparity, gender, sexual identity, and personal wounds. Beauty melts down all differences. Its speech, like that of a newborn, has no explicit words, but is a language so perfect that it can only be soiled by violating oneself. Two things in this world cannot be argued with, beauty and a baby. They also cannot defend themselves, and have only their own vulnerability as protection.

In classical Western philosophy, beauty is seen as one of the transcendental properties of being, and therefore as one of the properties of God. God is understood as having four transcendental qualities, namely, as being *One, True, Good, and Beautiful*. Hence, beauty possesses a divine, sacred quality. Artists and everyone sensitive to aesthetics have always recognized this, not necessarily in that they affirm explicitly that beauty is a property of God, but that they recognize a godly quality in beauty; they sense a “blaspheme” whenever it is defaced, and feel the energy to create as divine.

Beauty, as we know, takes many forms. Who of us has not at times felt the stunning power of physical beauty? Who has not been momentarily transfixed by the beauty of a sunset, an ocean, a mountain range, the stars, a full moon, a desert landscape, a particular tree, a thunderstorm, fresh snow, a gentle rain, an animal in the

wild, a work of art or architecture, or a human body? Physical beauty is self-justifying. It cannot be argued with and may never be denigrated by an appeal to something higher and more spiritual. It is unequivocally real and thus needs to be recognized, affirmed, and blessed.

For most of us, when we hear the word beauty, physical beauty is what comes to mind. Now, while that beauty is real, powerful, and can transform the heart, there are other kinds of beauty equally as powerful and transforming. I am not sure what language works in terms of what I am about to describe, so forgive me if my expression here is amateur and awkward, but we can speak, and need to, of beauty in the emotional and moral realm. There is something we might call emotional beauty or moral beauty.

Emotional beauty is not the beauty of a sunset or a great painting, but is the beauty of a particular expression of love, of empathy, or of compassion that, like a beautiful sunset, we are occasionally graced to witness. For example, we can be transfixed when seeing the miraculous rescue of a child, when seeing a helpless animal saved by rescuers, when seeing an elderly couple affectionately holding hands, or when hearing of a generous response by the public to a plea for help by a poor family. As with physical beauty, there is a divine quality here and, as with physical beauty, there is something here that only the most boorish of persons would dare smudge. However, whenever our emotions are involved there is always the danger of an unhealthy sentimentality also being present; but, that danger notwithstanding, our emotions, like our eyes, are also an opening to beauty.

Finally, not least, there is moral beauty, beauty of soul. The salient example here is martyrdom and every other kind of love that sacrifices its own wishes, desires, and life for something higher. While this does not always make for a beautiful body, it does make for a beautiful soul. In affirming this, I am not thinking, first, of its most salient examples, the religious martyrs who gave up their lives rather than deny their faith, or even of persons like Mohandas Gandhi, Albert Schweitzer, Martin Luther King, Dorothy Day, Maximillian Kolbe, Oscar Romero, and the many today who give up their lives for others. These are powerful examples of moral beauty, but many of us see this first-hand in our own families and circle of friends. For example, I look at my own mother and dad who for most of their lives sacrificed to provide for a large family and, especially, to provide that family with what is more important than food and clothing, namely, faith and moral guidance. There was a moral beauty in their sacrifice, though sometimes during those years, by Hollywood standards, my mom and dad looked more haggard than beautiful. Moral beauty, though, is measured by a different standard. That being said, there is also the need to be cautious here: while emotional beauty carries the risk of sentimentality, moral beauty carries the risk of fanaticism. Fanatics, serial killers, and snipers are also highly focused morally. Morality, like anything else, can be misguided.

The world will be saved by beauty! True, though I would employ the present tense, *the world is being saved by beauty.*

You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: www.ronrolheiser.com

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(April, 2021)

Different rules apply for Churches with fixed or non-fixed seating. Please check with your Church for details on how seating is handled.

- For fixed seating 100% of available seats may be used, provided 100% of attendees wear masks. If 75% of seats are used, masks are not necessary.
- The non-fixed seating capacity is worked on 3:4sqm. No masks are required for this density. Masks are essential for anything more than the capped density.
- Singing as a congregation may recommence, provided masks are worn.
- No beverage or food consumption (ie cup of tea after Mass)
- Social distancing is still recommended.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrances.
- Offertory procession will be omitted. Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed
- Collection plates will not be passed around but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- All surfaces should be cleaned at least daily, with special attention given to frequently touched surfaces.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- Care should be taken at the dismissal and on leaving the church to minimise social contact.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

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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.

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 east as India.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This 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, however, comes responsibility. The disciples are not to simply bask in the joy of Christ risen 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 that Thomas has. The following week, he is forced to confront this and is brought to realise the pointlessness of imposing conditions on God. Only then can he see that God's ways are often surprising. Only after accepting this truth does Thomas come to understand what faith really is.

SHARING THE TRADITION

'Those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven. Those whose sins you shall retain, they are retained.' Jesus' disciples are to continue the work of reconciling all people to God. His power to forgive sins is conferred on the Church. Through baptism, God's forgiveness becomes available to us, but human beings do not lose their tendency to sin just because they are baptised. The sacrament of reconciliation is there to assist the faithful to acknowledge human sinfulness and seek the forgiveness and reconciliation of God.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(12 - 18 April)

- **Monday, 12:** Monday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8)
- **Tuesday, 13:** Tuesday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 14:** Wednesday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21)
- **Thursday, 15:** Thursday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36)
- **Friday, 16:** Friday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15)
- **Saturday, 17:** Saturday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:1-15)
- **Sunday 18:** THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).