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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 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me, They curl their lips, they toss their heads. "He trusted in the Lord, let him save him: let him release him if this is his friend." <R>

2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and

my feet, I can count every one of my bones. <R>

3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! <R>

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. "You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons." <R>

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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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.



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

place on Good Friday (April 18). This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2024 Australian Catholics were once again extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land nearly \$1.5 million. The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges, financial and spiritual, and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday.

PARISH ROSTERS

	Reader	Prayers	Cleaning
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

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.

STATEMENT ON ANTI-SEMITISM

Please find [attached correspondence](#) from Archbishop O'Regan regarding the Archdiocese of Adelaide's response to anti-Semitism.



Caritas AUSTRALIA

The Catholic agency for international aid and development

Today we read The Passion narrative from the Gospel of St Luke. It is not by any means for the fainthearted. Even if it is familiar to us, we should try to remember how extraordinary it is.

The fact that crucifixion was so common in the Roman world should make us pause for a moment. Jesus lived and died in a world in which people were routinely degraded. He met plenty of them in his travels, people cast by the wayside, and helped many.

For those without power, life was fragile, even cheap. Has much changed? Throughout Lent, Caritas Australia has invited us to share the work of Project Compassion. The stories we have encountered remind us that the world is still an uneven field. Project Compassion invites us to respond in love to free people in captivity to very challenging circumstances. It invites us in a small way to carry the cross, to live in hope of the Resurrection.

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION GOOD FRIDAY

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take

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





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 CHOSEN

I am sure many of you are familiar with the TV series about the life of Jesus called *The Chosen*. It was launched in 2019, has been in theaters and on streaming platforms since, and now has more than 200 million viewers. It has been translated into 50 languages and has 13 million social media followers, with about 30 percent of its audience being non-Christian.

It was created and produced by Dallas Jenkins, an Evangelical Christian with wide ecumenical and interfaith sympathies. Jonathan Roumie, a devout Roman Catholic, plays the role of Jesus, and the Jesus he portrays in *The Chosen* comes through as somewhat different from, and more relatable to, than the Jesus we have generally seen in other movies and portrayals of him. And this has had an interesting impact.

What's the impact? Joe Hoover, a Jesuit priest writing in a recent issue of *America* magazine, makes this comment: "I have been a baptized Christian for 53 years, attended a Catholic Christian grade school and for more than two decades have been a member of a religious order that bears the name of Jesus.... and 'The Chosen' television series had done things for my understanding and engagement with the life of Christ and his disciples that nothing else has. No sermon, no theological exhortation, no master's degree, no class on John or Mark or Luke, no spirituality workshop, no 30-day biblically based retreat has brought the Gospels home and made Christ and his people real and relatable to me in quite the way 'The Chosen' has."

That speaks for me as well. *The Chosen* has had a similar effect on me. Like Joe Hoover, I was baptized as an infant, raised a Roman Catholic, am a member of a religious order, have degrees in theology, have been to every kind of

spirituality workshop, and have studied the Gospels under the guidance of some world class scholars, and yet this TV series has given a face to Jesus that I didn't quite receive in all that past learning and has helped me in my prayer and my relationship to Christ.

In essence, this is what *The Chosen* has done for me. *It has presented a Jesus whom I actually want to be with.* Shouldn't we always want to be with Jesus? Yes, but the Jesus who is often presented to us is not someone, if we are honest with ourselves, we would want to spend a lot of one-on-one time with, with whom we could be at ease and comfortable without affectations.

For instance, the Jesus who has often been presented to us in movies is generally lacking in human warmth, is distant, stern, other-worldly, over pious, and whose very gaze makes you feel guilty because your sin caused his crucifixion. That Jesus is also humorless, doesn't ever seem to bring God's smile to the world, and never brings any lightness into a room. He is not a Jesus with whom you are at ease.

Unfortunately, that is often the Jesus who has been presented to us in our preaching, catechesis, Sunday schools, theological classes, and in popular spirituality. The Jesus we meet there, for all the truth and revelation he brings into the world, is generally still too divine and overly pious for us to be at ease with humanly. He is a Jesus we admire, perhaps even adore, and whom we trust enough to commit our lives to (no small thing). But he is also a Jesus with whom we are not much at ease, whom we wouldn't pick to sit next to at table, with whom we wouldn't pick to go on vacation, and who is so distant and distinct from us that it is easier for us to have him as an admired teacher than as an intimate friend, let alone as a lover

to whom we want to bear our soul.

This is not a plea to humanize Jesus (as is sometimes in fashion today) by making him just a nice man who preaches love but doesn't at the same time radiate God's non-negotiable truth. This is not what *The Chosen* does. Far from it.

The Chosen presents us with a Jesus whose divinity you never doubt, even as he appears as warm and attractive, with a humanity that puts you at ease in his presence; indeed, it lures you into his presence.

Watching *The Chosen*, one never doubts for an instant that Jesus is specially and inextricably linked to his Father and that he brings us God's truth and revelation without compromise. But this Jesus also brings God's smile, God's warmth, and God's blessing upon our lives which too often suffer from a lack of these.

The great mystic Julian of Norwich once described God is this way: *God sits in heaven, completely relaxed, his face looking like a marvelous symphony.*

Among other things, *The Chosen* shows us this relaxed face of God, which to our own detriment we too seldom see.

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.

Mrs Helen Mumford
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Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

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 ACCLAMATION

Phil 2:8-9

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

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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GOSPEL

Luke 22:14-23:56

(heavily abridged)

When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left.

Jesus said, 'Father forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.' Then they cast lots to share out his clothing.

The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.'

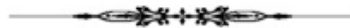
The soldiers mocked him too and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'if you are the king of the Jews, save yourself,' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well,' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said.

'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it; we are paying for what we did. But this man has done no wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

It was now the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour.

The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' With these words he breathed his last.



I WANNA BE LIKE CHRIST

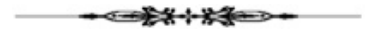
To me, the whole point of being a Christian is so that I will never have

to stand on the side of Jesus' torturers. If I am true to my faith, then such depravity and inhumanity will be impossible for me. If I follow Jesus' way of love, then I will never be in Pilate's camp, washing my hands of one I know to be innocent. Caiphass and the high priests, with their cowardice and power-mongering, will not be part of my coterie, either. No good people will get sold down the river by me – if I choose to follow Christ.

That's a big if, of course. I fear that without vigilance, I could become one of these dealers in death. We all may be capable of such extreme acts of sin – think of torturers in prisons since the beginning of time. If we constantly and consistently choose to deny God's loving presence in our lives, we will become our own worst enemies.

So I am committed to keeping God before me and taking up my cross each day. It's true that by following Jesus, I must bear ridicule, swallow my pride, go against the status quo, fight social injustice, show extreme mercy, and, all in all, do things that do not come easy for me. But, the good news is: I will save my soul in the process. Better than losing my soul, which, as Jesus showed us, is a fate worse than death – even death on a cross.

GPBS eNews



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(14 - 20 April)

- **Monday, 14:** Monday of Holy Week (Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11)
- **Tuesday, 15:** Tuesday of Holy Week (Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38)
- **Wednesday, 16:** Wednesday of Holy Week (Is 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25)

SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

- **Thursday, 17:** Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15)
- **Friday, 18:** Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19; 42)
- **Saturday, 19:** Holy Saturday Vigil
- **Sunday 20:** Sunday of the Resurrection

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