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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

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.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end'. <R>
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. <R>
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. <R>

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. (Continued page 4)



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.

PARISH ROSTERS

	Reader	Prayers	Cleaning
20/4	M Slagter	L Grant	A Clark
27/4	P Bennett	K Hammat	A Clark

PRIEST ROSTER

20 April Fr Paul Cashin
27 April Fr Jacek Wokcik

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

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" is available for free in the Parish foyer today.

STATEMENT ON ANTI-SEMITISM

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

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. 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.

SEEING IS BELIEVING

It was a morning of extreme urgency. Mary Magdalene ventured out and found the open, empty tomb. The angels, the Gardener-Lord, will come later in the morning. Mary sees only the empty tomb, and rushes to tell the others. She uses the words "has been taken," implying the tomb has been robbed.

Peter hits the ground running, along with another disciple. The other disciple gets there first and looks in. Since Mary got there "while it was still dark," she did not see what he sees: wrappings on the ground. Only Peter goes into the tomb and sees the rest of the story, the neatly rolled head covering in its own place. And seeing this, he believes.

What do we believe? John wants us to consider this before the story goes any further. What does it mean that the tomb is open, the body gone, the wrappings there? Would robbers bother the tomb of a penniless man? Would the Romans gain from removing the body? Or the Judean leaders, who wanted the body to stay put? Who would unwrap a body and steal it away? And who would pause to fold up the head cloth and put it down?

For two thousand years Christians have been calling this event resurrection. It is not just the meaning of Easter, but the reason there are Christians at all. Who do you see when you look into the empty tomb?

Questions for Reflection

- What are the miracles in your life? How do they reflect the resurrected Christ for others?

- Were you taught to think about religion in terms of shame or love? How do you think about your faith now?
- Name the experience of the empty tomb for yourself and explain what it means in your life.

Action Response

Bring new life to someone as an expression of Easter faith. Call or visit someone who is isolated. Share food and company. Be a source of joy to those who meet you. Give someone a reason to shout 'Alleluia!'

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EASTER TRIDUUM

The observance of the Easter Triduum in the Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish is a testament to the enduring power of faith and tradition. It is a time for reflection, renewal, and celebration, deeply rooted in the spiritual heritage of the Catholic Church. We hope to see you at our Easter services.

CALENDAR 2025

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 RESURRECTION: THE ULTIMATE META-NARRATIVE

Several years ago, while presenting at a conference at our school, a young priest from Quebec, Pierre-Olivier Tremblay, shared a story (in words to this effect).

I spent some years working with young people and what I noticed with many of them was this. They were young and bursting with energy, with dreams, with hopes, an energy that was wonderful to be around. However, while so full of energy, few of them radiated much hope. They lacked hope because *they lacked a meta-narrative*. They had only their own stories and when things were going well their energy and spirits were high, but when things went wrong (a breakup in a relationship, a death of a loved one, a serious illness) they had nothing to cling to because they didn't understand their lives within the context of a bigger story, a meta-narrative. They understood themselves solely within their own individual stories – and that is never a basis for hope.

What is a meta-narrative, a bigger story, within which we need to understand our own story? And how is that the basis for hope?

Here's an example: Pierre Teilhard de Chardin was both a world-class scientist and a Christian mystic. His intent as a scientist and as a man of faith was to articulate a theological synthesis which would bring together in one harmonious vision, both the divine intent within cosmic evolution and the divine intent in God becoming incarnate in Jesus Christ.

And he articulated such a vision, one within which a Christian could bring together in one harmonious vision, the scientific theories regarding the origins of the universe, the unfolding of evolution through 15 million years, the

purpose and role of Christ in history, and how cosmic and faith history will eventually culminate (just as is described in the hymn in the Epistle to the Ephesians) in the fullness of time, where, through Christ, God will bring all things into one in him. And on that day, goodness will forever triumph over evil, love will triumph over division, peace over chaos, empathy over selfishness, gentleness over cruelty, and forgiveness over vengeance.

As he was expounding this vision at a conference, a colleague challenged him with this question. You believe that good will ultimately triumph over evil; well, what happens if we blow up the world with an atomic bomb, what happens to your vision of things then? Teilhard's answer: if we blow up the world with an atomic bomb, that would be a two-million-year setback; but goodness will triumph over evil, not because I wish it, but because *God promised it and, in the resurrection, God showed that God has the power to deliver on that promise*.

He's right. Except for the resurrection, we have no guarantees about anything. Lies, injustice, and violence may triumph in the end. Chaos, cruelty, and death may well be the last word. That's certainly how it looked the day Jesus died. However, the resurrection of Jesus is God's last word on this. In the resurrection, God assures us that no matter how things look, no matter how much evil seems to have the upper hand, no matter how powerless innocence, goodness, and gentleness may look sometimes, no matter how many times our world crucifies Christ, no matter how many times we might blow up the world with an atomic bomb, no matter hopeless it all looks, the ending of our story has been written, and it is a happy ending, an ecstatic one.

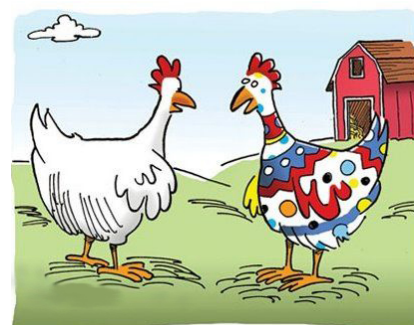
The resurrection of Jesus assures us that, as Julian of Norwich affirms, *in*

the end, all will be well, and all will be well, and every manner of being will be well.

The resurrection, God raising up the crucified Jesus in a way that was real, cosmic and corporeal, and not just a shift in the consciousness of his followers, is the basis not just for our hope but for our Christian faith as such. As St. Paul says, if there were no resurrection, we are the most deluded of all people. But, if Jesus was resurrected, everything we believe in and everything we hope for, not least that in the end goodness, love, community, gentleness, and joy will forever triumph over all that opposes them, is assured. The resurrection of Jesus, and that alone, is the basis for all hope, both for ourselves and for the cosmos itself.

The resurrection is the ultimate meta-narrative. This is the bigger story within which we need to set our own individual stories. When Pierre-Olivier Tremblay (now a bishop in Quebec) remarked that the young people he was working with radiated beautiful energy but radiated very little hope because they lacked a meta-narrative within to set their own stories, the meta-narrative he was referring to was precisely the narrative of Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

Young or old, our own individual stories are not enough. We need to understand ourselves (and the cosmos itself) within the meta-narrative of the resurrection.



"I was an Easter egg"

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
(KI contact - 0408 367 009)
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

Alleluia, alleluia!

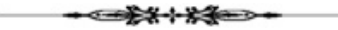
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

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' 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.



LET FAITH EGG YOU ON

One Easter, when we were children, my sister decided to play a trick on the family, one I suggest that no one choose to imitate. She took a raw egg from the fridge, coloured it, and put it in the basket along with all the hard-boiled eggs. Then she waited with great anticipation to see who would select that egg. One by one people grabbed an egg and cracked the shell. The raw egg never appeared. I don't remember it breaking, but I still shudder at the thought of my father doing it. Maybe mum saw what my sister did and took away the raw egg, or maybe she panicked and threw it out herself. Now that over a quarter of a century has passed, I'll never know what happened to the raw Easter egg.

Two thousand years have passed since the events of the first Easter. To this

day what happened remains a mystery. Some want to believe that we were all tricked into thinking that Jesus was raised from the dead. Others are so uncertain that they cannot or choose not to believe that it happened. Others agree strongly that because they cannot know for sure, they cannot believe.

But faith is not certainty. So today, we who call ourselves Christians put our faith in Jesus who was raised from the dead. We have no proof of this Easter Resurrection beyond the faith of all who have gone before us, from Mary of Magdala to Peter and to Paul. We join our act of faith with theirs. We believe as they believed. And in doing so we become an Easter people.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(21 - 27 April)

- **Monday, 18:** Monday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15)
- **Tuesday, 19:** Tuesday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18)
- **Wednesday, 20:** Wednesday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35)
- **Thursday, 21:** Thursday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48)
- **Friday, 22:** Friday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 4:1.12; Jn 21:1-14)
- **Saturday, 23:** Saturday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15)
- **Sunday 24:** SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER (Acts 5:12-16; Rev 1:9-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31)



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