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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 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:2-4, 22-27

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

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' <R>
2. The stone which the builders
rejected has become the corner-
stone. This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. This day was

made by the Lord; we rejoice and
are glad. <R>

3. O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord
grant success. Blessed in the name
of the Lord is he who comes. We
bless you from the house of the
Lord; the Lord God is our light. <R>

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

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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.

PARISH ROSTERS

| | Reader | Prayers | Cleaning |
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| 27/04 | P Bennett | K Hammat | A Clark |
| 04/05 | H Mumford | A Clark | A Clark |
| 11/05 | S Semmler | L Grant | A Clark |

18/05 K Hammatt M Glynn A Clark
25/05 S Semmler L Grant C Berden

PRIEST ROSTER

27 April Fr Jacek Wokcik
4 May Liturgy

QUESTIONS OF DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

Interdiocesan Tribunal of Adelaide

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote "charity and mercy demand that the Church, like a good mother, be near her children who feel themselves estranged from her."

The Interdiocesan Tribunal of Adelaide is a service of the Church to assist with the pastoral care of Catholics and non-Catholics who are civilly divorced, and who are seeking to remarry or who want clarification of their standing in the Church.

The Tribunal also assists remarried persons seeking to have their current marriage recognised in the Church, as

well as remarried persons wishing to be baptised or received in the Catholic Church.

Any divorced person, or a divorced and remarried person is welcome to contact the Adelaide office of the Tribunal to obtain further information, or to have their status within the Church clarified.

The office is open Monday to Friday, and you are welcome to contact the Tribunal on 8210 8225 or tribunal@adelaide.catholic.org.au

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.

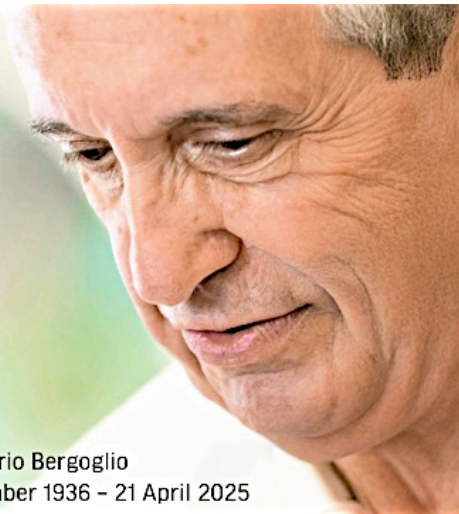
PILGRIMAGE & MASS with Archbishop O'Regan

Archbishop O'Regan will be making a pilgrimage to the Jubilee Pilgrimage Site of St Aloysius Church in Sevenhill on Saturday June 28, where he will celebrate Mass at 12.30pm. If you wish to attend this Mass, please register at the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/DASOD>. Reconciliation will be offered from 11.00am, and tea and coffee will follow the Mass. All are welcome!

DEATH OF POPE FRANCIS

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Jorge Mario Bergoglio
17 December 1936 - 21 April 2025



With profound sorrow, the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide joins the universal Church in mourning the passing of His Holiness, Pope Francis. A shepherd of deep faith, compassion and humility, Pope Francis dedicated his life to serving God's people and advocating for the poor, the marginalised and the dignity of all human life.

Pope Francis was a tireless witness to the Gospel, always reminding us of God's mercy and calling us to a life of love and service. His leadership and pastoral heart have left an indelible mark on the Church and the world.

As the Church enters a time of mourning, the faithful of the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide are invited to join in prayer and reflection, entrusting him to the loving embrace of our Lord. May Pope Francis rest in peace, and may his legacy of love, justice, and peace continue to inspire the faithful around the world.

A Memorial Mass for Pope Francis will be celebrated at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Sunday, April 27 at 11.00am. A Memorial Mass for Pope Francis will be celebrated at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Sunday, April 27 at 11.00am.

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan

ANZAC DAY
*God of love and liberty,
we bring our thanks this day for the
peace and security we enjoy, which
was won for us through the courage
and devotion of those who gave their
lives in time of war.*

*We pray that their labour and
sacrifice may not be in vain, but that
their spirit may live on in us and in
generations to come. That the liberty,
truth and justice which they sought to
preserve may be seen and known in all
the nations upon earth.*

*This we pray in the name of the one
who gave his life for the sake of the
world, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.



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

SEEING SPRING AND EASTER

In my mid-20s, I spent a year studying at the University of San Francisco. I had just been ordained a priest and was finishing a graduate degree in theology. Easter Sunday that year was a particularly gorgeous, sunny, spring day, but it didn't find me in a sunny mood. I was a long way from home, away from my family and my community, homesick, and alone. Almost all the friends I had made during that year of studies, other graduate students in theology, were gone, celebrating Easter with their families. I was homesick and alone and, beyond that, I nursed the congenital heartaches and obsessions of the young and restless. My mood was far from spring and Easter.

I went for a walk that afternoon and the spring air, the sun, and the fact that it was Easter did little to cheer me up, if anything they helped catalyze a deeper sense of aloneness. But there are different ways of waking up. As Leonard Cohen says, there's a crack in everything and that's where the light gets in. I needed a little awakening and eventually it was provided. At the entrance of a park, I saw a blind beggar sitting with a cardboard sign in front of him that read: It's springtime and I am blind! The irony wasn't lost on me. I was as blind as he was! For what I was seeing it might as well have been Good Friday and raining and cold. That day, sunshine, spring, and Easter were wasted on me.

It was a moment of grace and I have recalled that encounter many times since, though it didn't alter my mood at the time. I continued my walk, restless as before, and eventually went home for dinner. During that year of studies, I was a live-in chaplain at a convent that had a youth hostel attached to it and

the rule of the house was that the chaplain was to eat by himself in his own private dining room. So, even though that wasn't exactly what a doctor would have ordered for a restless and homesick young man, I ate dinner alone that Easter Sunday evening.

But the resurrection did still arrive for me on that Easter Sunday, albeit a bit late in the day. Two other graduate students and I had made plans to meet on the ocean at nightfall, light a fire, and celebrate our own version of the Easter vigil. So, just before dark, I caught a bus to the ocean and met my friends (a nun and priest). We lit a large bonfire (still legal in those days), sat around it for several hours, and ended up confessing to each other that we'd each had a miserable Easter. That fire did for us what the blessing of the fire the evening before at the Easter vigil hadn't done. It broke the spell of restlessness and self-absorption which had us blind to everything outside ourselves. As we watched the fire and talked of everything and nothing, my mood began to shift, my restlessness quieted, the heaviness lifted. I began to sense spring and Easter.

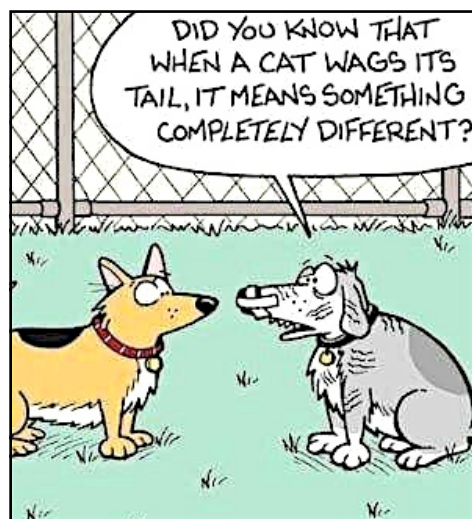
In John's account of the resurrection, he tells the story of how on the morning of the first Easter the Beloved Disciple runs to the tomb where Jesus has been buried and peers into it. He sees it is empty and that all that remains are the clothes, neatly folded, within which Jesus' body had been wrapped. But since he is a disciple who sees with the eyes of love, he understands what this means; he grasps the reality of resurrection and knows that Jesus has risen. He sees spring. He understands with his eyes.

Hugo of St. Victor once famously said: Love is the eye. When we see with love we not only see straight and clearly, we also see depth and

meaning. The reverse is also true. It is for a good reason that after Jesus rose from the dead some could see him and others could not. Love is the eye. Those searching for life through the eyes of love, like Mary of Magdala searching for Jesus in the garden on Easter Sunday morning, see spring and the resurrection. Any other kind of eye, and we're blind in springtime.

When I took my walk that Easter afternoon all those years ago in San Francisco, I wasn't exactly Mary of Magdala looking for Jesus in a garden, nor the Beloved Disciple fired by love running off to look into the tomb of Jesus. In my youthful restlessness I was mostly looking for myself, and meeting mostly my anxious self. And that's a blindness. When we are caught inside ourselves, we're blind, blind to both spring and the resurrection. I learned that lesson, not in a church or a classroom but on a lonely, restless Easter Sunday in San Francisco when I ran into a blind beggar and then went home and ate an Easter dinner alone.

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):
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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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KIDS' CORNER

You might not think about your fingers and hands as ways to know God. But Thomas, touching Jesus' wounds was the way he knew Jesus was his Lord and God. You can experience God's presence at your fingertips (although not exactly the same way Thomas did!) when you touch something God has created – a smooth rock, a tree's rough bark or a baby's soft little head. Keep alert this week to the ways God's goodness is "at hand" in all creation.



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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. 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.

BREATHE EASY

Perhaps my earliest memory is being carried from our family's car and into

our new house by my father when I was about 3 years old. We had been out late visiting my grandparents, and it was dark and cold outside. My father wrapped me in his overcoat and held me close to his chest. I could feel his breath on my neck as he extracted me from the car and walked toward the house. I felt safe.

I felt his breath on my neck again when I was about to board a plane for Rome. I was leaving to spend some time in the "Eternal City" and walk the Camino in Spain for the first time. I was afraid and uncertain when my dad held me close to him and wished me farewell. I felt his blessing.

There were other times as well when I felt his breath. In the embrace before going on holidays, when I left to go overseas to study, when he came to visit me when I was living away, when he was in hospital recuperating from serious surgery and I leaned in to greet him with a kiss. Always I felt reassurance in his presence.

The apostles were confused and frightened even before the risen Jesus appeared in their midst. But as he often did, he told them, "Be not afraid," and then he breathed on them. Imagine yourself in that scene, and likely you will feel safe, you feel his blessing, and you will be reassured of his presence. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(28 April - 04 May)

- **Monday, 28:** St Peter Chanel Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
- **Tuesday, 29:** St Catherine of Siena (Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 30:** Wed, 2nd week Easter (Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21)
- **Thursday, 01:** Thu, 2nd week Easter (Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36)
- **Friday, 02:** St Athanasius (Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15)
- **Saturday, 03:** Sts Philip and James (1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14)
- **Sunday 04:** THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER (Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Apoc 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19)

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