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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 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.

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Sue Semler, Brianna Chudlee, Peter Weatherstone, Kay Florance, John Slagter, Annette Roestenburg, Michelle Glynn, Paul Bennett

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

	Prayers	Reader	Cleaning
07/04	W Bennet	M Slagter	A Bevan
14/4	M Glynn	K Hammat	A Bevan
21/4	S Semmler	H Mumford	A Bevan
28/4	K Hammat	P Bennett	C Brinkley
5/5	A Clark	L Grant	C Brinkley

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

07/04	Fr Kevin Hall
14/04	Fr Kevin Hall
21/4	TBA
28/4	Fr Paul Ghanem OFM
5/5	Fr Leon & Fr George

MARIAN PROCESSION

Sunday, 19 May at 2.00pm

Each year the Adelaide Archdiocese hosts the annual Marian Procession in honour of Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church. This year, we celebrate its 75th Anniversary. More details nearer the time.

2024 ADELAIDE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

June 14 and 15

Parishes, schools and communities are asked to mark their calendars for the 2024 Adelaide Diocesan Assembly which will take place on the evening of Friday, June 14 and Saturday, June 15. Further information and invitations will be sent out soon.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Moffatt:

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Thank you!

Special thanks to all the parishioners who helped out in many and varied ways, with the smooth-running of the ceremonies from Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday. Your help was much appreciated.

BIRTHLINE PREGNANCY SUPPORT

We invite you to join our team of telephone counsellors if you have the passion and commitment to assisting women navigating crisis during pregnancy or coping with pregnancy loss. Birthline offers a FREE Telephone Counselling Course every Wednesday night from 7.00pm - 9.00pm for 10 weeks commencing Wednesday, May 1. For those interested please email tcc@birthline.org.au or call on 0413 380 833. birthline.org.au

THANK YOU FROM CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Caritas Australia would like to thank you for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please return them to your parish or visit caritas.org.au/projectcompassion and donate online.

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS CATHOLIC FAITH in KAPUNDA

On April 14 there will be a Mass at 10.30am, led by Archbishop Patrick O'Regan at St Rose of Lima, Kapunda, followed by lunch at the Kapunda Bowling Club. Lunch cost is \$20pp, payment in advance is required. Lunch bookings are essential as space is limited. Contact the parish office 8566 2064 or email nlparish@adam.com.au to book.

CHARIS SA

invites you to a seminar

"But you shall receive power, after the Holy Spirit has come upon you." Acts 1:8

with Fr Justin Durai Raj CP
on Saturday, 13 April
from 10.00am - 3.00pm

St Peter Claver Church
8 Stuart Road, DULWICH

Including PW Teaching, Mass, Adoration, Confessions. Your donation appreciated. Tea and coffee provided. Bring your own lunch. More info available - 0407 060 715 or <https://www.charis.sa.org>

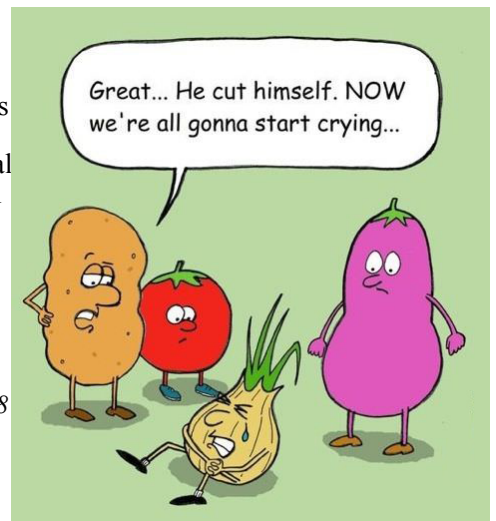
DATES

12 Apr	Last day School term 1
26 Apr	Coffee morning Louie's 10am
25 Apr	ANZAC Day
29 Apr	First day School term 2
19 May	Marian Procession
10 Jun	King's Birthday holiday
05 Jul	Last day School term 2
22 Jul	First day School term 3
15 Aug	Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary
31 Aug - Sep 8	Adelaide Show
27 Sep	Last day School term 3
28 Sep	AFL Grand Final
07 Oct	Labour Day holiday
14 Oct	First day School term 4
05 Nov	Melbourne Cup
13 Dec	Last day School term 4 (Yrs 10, 11, 12 vary)

A young Scotsman left home and moved into his own flat. After a few weeks his parents rang to find out how he was.

"What are your neighbours like?" asked his mother. "A bit strange," he replied. "On one side there's a man who keeps banging his head against the wall and on the other, a woman who just lies on the floor crying and moaning."

"I'd keep yourself to yourself if I were you," advised his mother. "Oh I do," the man replied. "I just stay in my room all day and play my bagpipes!"





Ron Rolheiser column

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GOD'S SILENCE IN THE FACE OF EVIL

Theologians sometimes try to express the meaning of Jesus' resurrection in one sentence: In the resurrection, God vindicated Jesus, his life, his message, and his fidelity. What does that mean?

Jesus entered our world preaching faith, love, and forgiveness, but the world didn't accept that. Instead, it crucified him and by that seemingly shamed his message. We see this most clearly on the cross when Jesus is taunted, mocked, and challenged: *If you are the son of God, come down from there! If your message is true, let God verify that right now! If your fidelity is more than plain stubbornness and human ignorance, then why are you dying in shame?*

What was God's response to those taunts? Seemingly nothing, no commentary, no defense, no apologia, no counter challenge, just silence. Jesus dies in silence. Neither he nor the God he believed in tried to fill that excruciating void with any consoling words or explanations challenging people to look at the bigger picture or to look at the brighter side of things. None of that. Just silence.

Jesus died in silence, inside God's silence and inside the world's incomprehension. And we can let ourselves be scandalized by that silence, just as we can let ourselves be scandalized by the seeming triumph of evil, pain, and suffering in our world. God's seeming silence in the face of evil and death can forever scandalize us: in the Jewish holocaust, in ethnic genocides, in brutal and senseless wars, in the earthquakes and tsunamis which kill thousands of people and devastate whole countries, in the deaths of countless people taken out of this life by cancer and by violence, in how unfair life can be sometimes, and in the casual manner that those without conscience can rape whole areas of life seemingly without consequence. Where is God in all of this? What's God's answer?

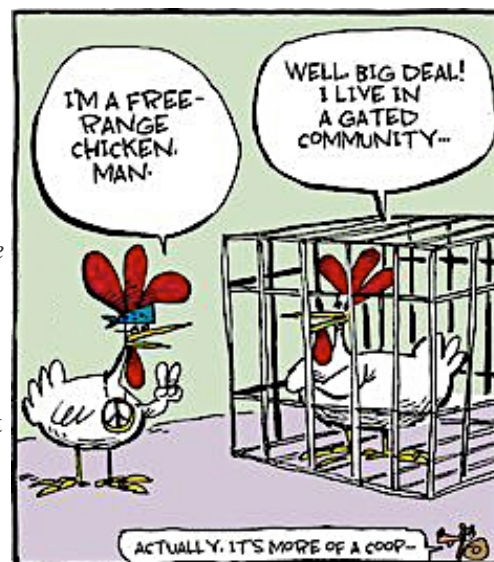
God's answer is the resurrection, the resurrection of Jesus and the perennial resurrection of goodness within life itself. But resurrection is not necessarily rescue. God doesn't necessarily rescue us from the effects of evil, nor even from death. Evil does what it does, natural disasters are what they are, and those without conscience can rape even as they are feeding off life's sacred fire. Normally, God doesn't intervene. The parting of the Red Sea isn't a weekly occurrence. God lets his loved ones suffer and die, just as Jesus let his dear friend Lazarus die, and God let Jesus die. God redeems, raises us up afterwards, in a deeper, more lasting vindication. Moreover, the truth of that statement can even be tested empirically.

Despite every appearance to the contrary at times, in the end, love does triumph over hatred. Peace does triumph over chaos. Forgiveness does triumph over bitterness. Hope does triumph over cynicism. Fidelity does triumph over despair. Virtue does triumph over sin. Conscience does triumph over callousness. Life does triumph over death, and good does triumph over evil, always. Mohandas K. Gandhi once wrote: "When I despair, I remember that all through history, the way of truth and love has always won. There have been murderers and tyrants, and for a time they seem invincible. But in the end they always fall. Think of it, always." The resurrection, most forcibly, makes that point. In the end, God has the last word. The resurrection of Jesus is that last word. From the ashes of shame, of seeming defeat, failure, and death, a new, deeper, and eternal life perennially bursts forth. *Our faith begins at the very point where it seems it should end, in God's seeming silence in the face of evil.*

And what does this ask of us? First, simply that we trust in the truth of the resurrection. The resurrection asks us to believe what Gandhi affirmed, namely, that in the end evil will not have the last word. It will fail. Good will eventually triumph.

More concretely, it asks us to roll the dice on trust and truth, namely, trusting that what Jesus taught is true. Virtue is not naïve, even when it is shamed. Sin and cynicism are naïve, even when they appear to triumph. Those who genuflect before God and others in conscience will find meaning and joy, even when they are deprived of some of the world's pleasures. Those who drink in and manipulate sacred energy without conscience will not find meaning in life, even when they taste pleasure. Those who live in honesty, no matter the cost, will find freedom. Those who lie and rationalize will find themselves imprisoned in self-hate. Those who live in trust will find love. God's silence can be trusted, even when we die inside of it. We need to remain faithful in love, forgiveness, and conscience, despite everything that suggests they are naïve. They will bring us to what is deepest inside of life. Ultimately, God vindicates virtue. God vindicates love. God vindicates conscience. God vindicates forgiveness. God vindicates fidelity. Ultimately, God vindicated Jesus and will vindicate us too if we remain faithful.

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



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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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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.

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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.

BELIEVING IS SEEING

Believing is seeing. We are taught it's the other way around: seeing is supposed to be believing. But we see a lot of things we don't believe. We see how old we are in the mirror and pretend the truth away with hair colour and makeup. We see injustices and rationalise them into sounding all right. We live as in George Orwell's

classic novel 1984, in which the news is rewritten daily to conform to the preferences of the powerful. "Facts" are more fluid than we care to admit. Many are convinced, not by what they see, but by what makes us all comfortable.

So it seems the reverse is true: believing is seeing. Our beliefs tell us how to see. They tell us what to look for. Faith gives us eyes to see what others may be blind to. The worldly view is cynical: things are bad and getting worse, and not much can be done. But through believing, we see the Kingdom coming, arriving as an invitation to grace in every hour. Believers have hope, which heals the past and invents the future. That's why, though we have not literally seen Jesus, we can believe in him, and in believing, we can truly see.

KIDS' CORNER

Have you ever done something you thought was so bad no one could forgive you? Almost everyone has. Peter was once so frightened that he pretended not to know Jesus. When he thought about what he'd done, he wept. And here Peter is again, speaking to the people who once cried out these words: "Crucify him!" Peter knows they can be forgiven just as he was, if only they will ask. Remember, God is merciful. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(08 - 14 April)

- **Monday, 8:** The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD (Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38)
- **Tuesday, 9:** Tuesday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 10:** Wednesday of the 2nd week of Easter (5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21)
- **Thursday, 11:** St Stanislaus (Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36)
- **Friday, 12:** Friday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15)
- **Saturday, 13:** Saturday of the 2nd week of Easter (Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21)
- **Sunday 14:** 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 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