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

CHILD PROTECTION

We are a Child Safe Organisation
which is committed to the care, well-
being and protection of children and
young people.

Mrs Helen Mumford

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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 2:42-47

The whole community remained
faithful to the teaching of the apostles,
to the brotherhood, to the breaking of
bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked
through the apostles made a deep
impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and
owned everything in common; they
sold their goods and possessions and
shared out the proceeds among
themselves according to what each
one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple
every day but met in their houses for
the breaking of bread; they shared
their food gladly and generously; they
praised God and were looked up to by
everyone. Day by day the Lord added
to their community those destined to
be saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

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

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great
mercy has given us a new birth as his
sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the
dead, so that we have a sure hope and
the promise of an inheritance that can

never be spoilt or soiled and never
fade away, because it is being kept for
you in the heavens. Through your
faith, God's power will guard you
until the salvation which had been
prepared is revealed at the end of
time. This is a cause of great joy for
you, even though you may for a short
time have to bear being plagued by all
sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus
Christ is revealed, your faith will have
been tested and proved like gold –
only it is more precious than gold,
which is corruptible even though it
bears testing by fire – and then you
will have praise and glory and honour.
You did not see him, yet you love
him; and still without seeing him, you
are already filled with a joy so
glorious that it cannot be described,
because you believe; and you are sure
of the end to which your faith looks
forward, that is, the salvation of your
souls.

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

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Stephanie Langridge, Carmen Northcott, Joella Davidson

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

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
16/4	S Semler	H Mumford	A Clark
23/4	M Glynn	L Grant	A Clark

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

16/4	Fr Selva Raj
23/4	TBA
25/4	Fr John Jegorow

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:
BSB 085 005
A/c No 585353994
Reference: K Island or 765

2nd Collection:
BSB 085 005
A/c No 918111484
Reference: Your name

MARIAN PROCESSION

The 2023 Marian Procession will be held on Sunday May 21 beginning at the Pioneer Women's Memorial Gardens (next to the Torrens Parade Ground on King William Road) procession up King William Street into Victoria Square. The Procession will commence at 2.00pm and all are invited to attend with their parish or community.

Group assembly will begin from 1.30pm. Unless there is a severe weather warning the procession will take place, however it will conclude in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral rather than Victoria Square.

For more information, please contact the Events Office (8210 8220)

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Back to Basics

The World Community for Christian Meditation South Australia invites you to our first Community Day for 2023 – BACK TO BASICS - on April 29 from 11.00am–3.00pm. Rev Frances Bartlett, Movement instructor, will lead us through a time of 'Mindful Movement and Meditation', followed by Bev Armstrong, past State coordinator speaking on 'God Within – an introduction to meditation' at Semaphore Uniting Church, 146 Semaphore Road, Exeter.

Please bring some lunch to share and your cup. All are welcome, and a special welcome to those who would like to learn the practice of Christian meditation. Suggested donation \$15. Contact: chr.med.southaust@gmail.com

"YOUTH RETREAT"

"Who am I in Christ"

Charis SA invites all young people, families and all who wish to be inspired to a "Youth Retreat" reflecting on "Who Am I In Christ" on 20 May from 10.30am til 3.00pm.

Praise and Worship - Teaching A - Reflection - Mass - Adoration
Contact: 0450 651 900
Tea and coffee provided

WORLD YOUTH DAY (WYD) ADELAIDE 2023

I invite young people, ages 16 to 35 to participate in the local celebration of World Youth Day in the Archdiocese of Adelaide, 4 - 5 August.

On 1 - 6 August, the global commemoration of World Youth Day (WYD) will take place in Lisbon, Portugal. The theme of WYD 2023 is "Mary arose and went with haste" (Lk 1:39).

Our local celebration is an opportunity for a greater number of young people from our Archdiocese to be in solidarity with young people from all

over the world; to gather as one community recognising the gift of young people to our Diocesan family and encouraging the participation of young people in the life, faith and mission of the Church.

Our celebration will be conducted over three days:

1. Friday, 4 August, ecological action with senior school students at Victoria Park Wetlands, Adelaide.
2. Saturday, 5 August, workshops, community building, liturgy, and concert featuring special guest presenter, Gianna Lucas (Melbourne) and musical guest, Gus and Iggy (Wollongong) at Sacred Heart College, Marcellin Campus, Somerton Park.
3. Sunday, 6 August, WYD celebrated at Masses in local Parishes and Communities across the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

Additional resources will be provided by the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults to assist with the promotion, recognition and celebration of World Youth Day in Parishes, Schools and Communities. Details for WYD Adelaide can be found on www.cathoyouthadelaide.org.au/world-youth-day or by contacting Julian Nguyen, - Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (julian.nguyen@cesa.catholic.edu.au; or phone: 0472 577 112).

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan





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

STRUGGLING TO GIVE BIRTH TO HOPE

After Jesus rose from the dead, his first appearances were to women. Why? One obvious reason might be that it was women who followed him to his death on Good Friday, while the men largely abandoned him. As well, it was women, not men, who set off for his tomb on Easter morning, hoping to anoint his dead body with spices – so it was women who were in the garden when he first appeared. But there is, I believe, a deeper and more symbolic reason. Women are the midwives. It is generally women who attend to new birth and women who are more paramount in initially nurturing new life in its infancy.

In any birth a midwife can be helpful. When a baby is born, normally the head pushes its way through the birth canal first, opening the way for the body to follow. A good midwife can be very helpful at this time, helping to ease that passage through the birth canal, helping ensure that the baby begins to breathe, and helping the mother to immediately begin to nurture that new life. A midwife can sometimes mean the difference between life and death, and she always makes the birth easier and healthier.

Jesus' resurrection birthed new life into our world, and in its infancy that life had to be specially midwived, both in its emergence and in the initial breaths it took in this world. The resurrection birthed many things, and these had to be midwived; initially by the women to whom Jesus first appeared, then by the apostles who left us their eyewitness accounts of the risen Jesus, then by the early church, then by its martyrs, then by the lived faith of countless women and men through the centuries, and sometimes too by theologians and spiritual writers. We still need to

midwife what was born in the resurrection.

And many things were born in that event – an event as radical as the original creation in what it gave birth to. The resurrection of Jesus was the “first day” a second time, the second time light separated from darkness. Indeed, the world measures time by the resurrection. We are in the year 2023 since it happened. (Christianity was born with that event. New time began then. But scholars calculated that Jesus was thirty-three years old when he died and so they added thirty-three years so as to begin new time with the date of his birth.)

Prominent within what the resurrection gives birth to and what needs still to be midwived, is hope. The resurrection gives birth to hope. The women in the Gospels who first met the resurrected Jesus were the first to be given a true reason for hope and were the first to act as midwives of that new birth. So too must we. We need to become midwives of hope. But what is hope and how is it given birth in the resurrection?

Genuine hope is never to be confused with either wishful thinking or temperamental optimism. Unlike hope, wishful thinking isn't based on anything. It's pure wishing. Optimism, for its part, takes its root either in a natural temperament (“I always see the bright side of things”) or on how good or bad the evening news looks on a given day. And we know how that can change from day to day. Hope has a different basis.

Here's an example: Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, a deeply faith-filled scientist, was once challenged by an agnostic colleague after making a presentation within which he tried to show how the story of salvation history fits perfectly with the insights of science regarding the origins of the universe and the

process of evolution. Teilhard went on to suggest, in line with Ephesians 1, 3-10, that the end of the whole evolutionary process will be the union of all things in one great final harmony in Christ. An agnostic colleague challenged him to this effect: That's a wonderfully optimistic little schema you propose. But suppose we blow up the world with an atomic bomb. What happens to your optimist schema then? Teilhard answered in words to this effect: If we blow up the world with an atomic bomb, that will be a setback, perhaps for millions of years. But what I propose is going to happen, not because I wish it or because I am optimistic that it will happen. It will happen because God promised it – and in the resurrection God showed that God has the power to deliver on that promise.

What the women who first met the risen Jesus experienced was hope, the kind of hope that is based on God's promise to vindicate good over evil and life over death, no matter the circumstance, no matter the obstacle, no matter how awful the news might look on a given day, no matter death itself, and no matter whether we are optimistic or pessimistic. They were the initial midwives helping to give birth to that hope. That task is now ours.

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



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 13/04/23)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

BELIEVING IS SEEING

No one saw much potential in Billy. It's not that the staff at the orphanage thought badly about him; they just didn't think much about him at all. He seemed to feel comfortable floating beneath everyone's notice - not getting in trouble but not getting much attention either.

That continued until he moved into Sr Gertrude's room. Sr Gertrude was a no-nonsense nun, a woman who expected the same from everyone in her care - a lot! So, Billy couldn't hide anymore in a muddle of mediocrity. She started checking his homework every night. And correcting his manners. And having him report daily on his school projects and requiring that he try out for a sports team. Everyone thought she was wasting her time, but Sr Gertrude wasn't one to waste time - or lives.

Billy didn't become a famous millionaire or best-selling author or a well-known anything. But he did finish university, meet a nice girl, fall in love, marry, and raise a family. And maybe he would have done all that anyway, but in his own mind and heart, he regularly thanks Sr Gertrude for believing without seeing, that is, believing in him even before anyone could see the potential.

Family life often calls us to believe even before we can see - from the first time we hold our children on through the terrible twos, the turbulent teens, and beyond. Sometimes believing leads to seeing.

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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.

THE IMPERISHABLE INHERITANCE

(John 20: 19 - 31)

Thomas' challenge to his friends was graphic and harsh. If Jesus had indeed returned, he wanted to see the marks of his crucifixion. And Thomas got his wish, though he certainly hadn't counted on it.

Many bear the marks of crucifixion as they make their way through the

world. The abused child, the jaded adult, the dying elder all show signs of the suffering they endure. We can, like Thomas, reach out and finger these wounds in others if we doubt their existence. But more useful is the healing touch Jesus demonstrated on so many occasions in his ministry. We may not have a miraculous gift for healing, but we do have within our grasp the capacity to kiss; hold a hand; spend some time; speak a word of kindness. The sheer amount of suffering in the world can overwhelm us and lead to inaction. But a Christian has a clear calling to the signs of suffering in others. With the cross as our inheritance, we know even wounds can be glorified.

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FEARS AND DOUBTS

When doubting Thomas touched Jesus, he swiftly became aware of Jesus' identity and the reality of his Resurrection. Jesus loved Thomas, despite Thomas' pressing doubt, but praised those who believe without seeing him. Jesus is referring to us, the people of the Church who would never see or touch his wounds, but would believe in his life, death, and Resurrection. Doubt is part of a living faith. Sometimes we have to pray through them until Jesus offers us his peace. Do you know anyone who might be experiencing it right now? Keep praying for the peace of Christ, and seek and offer support.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS (17 - 23 April)

- **Monday, 17:** Monday 2nd week Easter (Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8)
- **Tuesday, 18:** Tuesday 2nd week Easter (Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15)
- **Wednesday, 19:** Wednesday 2nd week Easter (Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21)
- **Thursday, 20:** Thursday 2nd week Easter (Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36)
- **Friday, 21:** Friday 2nd week Easter (Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15)
- **Saturday, 22:** Saturday 2nd week Easter (Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21)
- **Sunday 23:** Third Sunday of Easter (Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pet 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35)

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