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

**MASS CENTRES**

- **KINGSCOTE:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Cnr Giles/Todd Sts Sunday - 9.30am
- **PARNDANA:** Uniting Church, Cook Street 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 2.30pm
- **PENNESHAW:** St Columba's Anglican Church, Cnr North Terrace and Fourth Street 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday - 2.00pm

**SPONSORSHIP**

**KANGAROO ISLAND TRANSFERS** (0427 887 575) generously donate transport for our visiting Priests.

**CHILD PROTECTION**

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

**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. 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  
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# Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Josephine Bannan, Ray Bannan Elizabeth Black, Wilma Buick, Karen Cairney, Gwen Chalmers, Ambrose Clark, Robert Clark, Francis Clarke, Catherine Commerford, Sarah Cunningham, Jamie Larcombe, Jimmy Dow, Tate Furniss, Monika Gibbs, Mary O'Brien, Norah Ridge, Verna Trethewey, Beryl Williams, Albert Willson, Keith 'Hoppy' Willson, and all the faithful departed

## Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for Leonie Bald, Brooke Baker & Family, Annemeike Berden, Marj and Jimmy Browne, Jill Buist, Denice Carter, Barry Dunn, Katerina Faist, Lloyd & Aileen Dodson & family, Jenny Fechner, Diane Florenance, Roy Gaton, Charles & Sue Gorman, Hans Hendrix, John Lavers, Elijah & Magenta Laundry and family, Ben Martin, Janice Mills, Dianne McCarthy, Philip McDonald, Peter Murray, Max Moss, Darren Morris, Deidre Morrison, Mick Muller, Rocco Nield, Jack Pitcher, Margaret Rich, Anthony Roestenburg, Bill Roestenburg, Claudine Shelton, Darren Smith, Fiona Smith, John Smith, Peter Smith, Linda Tippet, Greg Turner, Patrick Walsh, Sr Margaret Wallace, Anthony Weatherstone and Rob Wilkinson.

May they know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing

## Safe guarding our children and young people.

**Children have the right to learn about their rights from their families and families have a responsibility to ensure children's rights are protected**

Parenting is hard - we have such a responsibility to our children! Children face all kind of challenges in today's world: bullying, academic pressure, the internet and social media, body image and self esteem to name just a few. Helping our children to stay healthy and happy is our job as parents but we don't have to do it alone. As members of God's family, strengthened by the love of Christ, we support each other in caring for our children with compassion and love as our Father God cares for us.

## PARISH NOTICES -08/04/18

1. Thank you to Fr Peter for saying Mass today
2. Next Sunday there will be Mass with Fr. Roy.
3. Confession is available every Sunday in Kingscote at 30 minutes before Mass.
4. Easter Raffle was won by Cathy Berden congratulations!!!!



## Ron Rolheiser column

Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. 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.

### WHEN TIME STANDS STILL

The theory of relativity tells us that space and time are not what they appear to be. They're relative, meaning that don't always function in the same way and they aren't always experienced in the same way. Time can stand still.

Or can it? This side of eternity, it would seem not. Ever since the universe started with a mammoth explosion some 13.8 billion years ago the clock has been running non-stop, like a merciless meter, moving relentlessly forwards.

However, our faith suggests that time will be different in eternity, so different in fact that we cannot now even imagine how it will be in heaven. As St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Corinthians: *Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him.* How will time be experienced in heaven? As we've just affirmed, that cannot be imagined now.

Or can it? In a wonderful new book on the Resurrection and Eternal Life, *Is This All There Is*, the renowned, German scripture scholar, Gerhard Lohfink, suggests that we can and sometimes do have an experience of time as it will be experienced in eternity. For Lohfink, we experience this whenever we're in *adoration*.

For him, the highest form of prayer is adoration. But what does it mean to "adore" God and why is that the highest form of prayer? Lohfink answers: "In adoration we ask nothing more of God. When I *lament* before God it is usually my own suffering that is the starting point. Even when I *petition* God, the occasion is often my own problem. I need something from God. And even when I *thank* God, unfortunately I am usually thankful for something I have received. But when I *adore*, I

let go of myself and look only to God."

Admittedly, lament, petition, and thanksgiving are high forms of prayer. An old, classical, and very good, definition of prayer defines prayer as "lifting mind and heart to God", and what's in our hearts virtually at all times is some form of lament, petition, or thanksgiving. Moreover, Jesus invites us to ask God for whatever is in our heart at a given moment: "Ask and you will receive." Lament, petition, and thanksgiving are good forms of prayer; but, in praying them, we're still focused in some manner on ourselves, on our needs and our joys.

However in adoration we look to God or at some attribute of God (beauty, goodness, truth, or oneness) so strongly that everything else drops away. We stand in pure wonder, pure admiration, ecstatic awe, entirely stripped of our own heartaches, headaches, and idiosyncratic focus. God's person, beauty, goodness, and truth overwhelm us so as to take our minds off of ourselves and leave us standing outside of ourselves.

And being free of our own selves is the very definition of ecstasy (from the Greek, *EK STASIS*, to stand outside oneself.) Thus, to be in adoration is to be in ecstasy – though, admittedly, that's generally not how we imagine ecstasy today. For us, ecstasy is commonly imagined as an earthshaking standing *inside* of ourselves, idiosyncrasy in its peak expression. But true ecstasy is the opposite. It's adoration.

Moreover, for Lohfink, not only is adoration the only true form of ecstasy, it's also a way of being in heaven already right now and of experiencing time as it will be in heaven. Here's how he puts it: "In

the miracle of adoration we are already with God, entirely with God, and the boundary between time and eternity is removed. It is true that we cannot now comprehend that adoring God will be endless bliss. We always want to be doing something. We want to criticize, intervene, change, improve, shape. And rightly so! That is our duty. But in death, when we come to God, that all ceases. Then our existence will be pure astonishment, pure looking, pure praise, pure adoration – and unimaginable happiness. That is why there is also a form of adoration that uses no words. In it I hold out my own life to God, in silence, and with it the whole world, knowing God as Creator, as Lord, as the one to whom belongs all honor and praise. Adoration is the oblation of one's life to God. Adoration is surrender. Adoration means entrusting oneself entirely to God. As we dwell in adoration, eternity begins – an eternity that does not withdraw from the world but opens to it utterly."

Time can stand still! And it stands still when we're in pure admiration, in awe, in wonder, in adoration. In those moments we stand outside of ourselves, in the purest form of love that exists. At that moment too we are in heaven, not having a foretaste of heaven, but actually being in heaven. Eternity will be like that, one moment like a thousand years and a thousand years like one moment.

When we adore, time stands still – and we're in heaven!

You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: [www.ronrolheiser.com](http://www.ronrolheiser.com)

## REGULAR MASS TIMES IN OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES ALDINGA

*Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple  
cnr Quinliven and How Roads*  
Saturday 5.30pm  
Tuesday 9.15am

## GOOLWA

*St John the Apostle, 10-14 Gardiner St*  
Sunday 9.00am  
Wednesday 9.30am

## KINGSCOTE

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help,  
cnr Todd and Giles Streets*  
Sunday 9.30am

## NOARLUNGA

*St Luke, the Evangelist,  
cnr Honeypot Rd and Goldsmith Dve*  
Saturday 6.00pm  
Sunday 9.00am  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 11am (Spanish Mass)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)  
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm  
Monday 9.00am  
Tuesday 9.00am  
Wednesday 7.30pm  
Thursday 8.45am (St Luke's)  
Thursday 9.15am (St John's - term time)  
Friday 10.00am

## NORMANVILLE

*St Peter, Cape Jervis Road*  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10.30am  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 8.30am  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday 6.00pm

## PARNDANA

2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 2.30pm

## PENNESHAW

*St Columba, North Terrace  
(shared with Anglicans)*  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 2.00pm

## SEAFORD

*Seaford Ecumenical Mission,  
Grand Bvd*  
Sunday 10.45am  
Wednesday 9.00am

## VICTOR HARBOR

*St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road*  
Saturday 6.00pm  
Sunday 11.00am  
Tuesday 9.00am  
Thursday 9.00am  
Friday (other than 1<sup>st</sup>) 9.00am  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday 11.30am

## WILLUNGA

*St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street*  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays 8.30am  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10.30am  
Wednesday 9.00am  
Thursday 9.00am  
Friday 9.00am

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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.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- The period from Easter Sunday to Pentecost is known as the Great Fifty Days and is an integral part of the Lent-Easter- Pentecost cycle.
- There is an ancient tradition that Thomas preached the gospel as far east as India.
- In Aramaic, the language spoken by Jesus, the name of Thomas means ‘twin’.

## 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.

## THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(9 - 15 April)

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

## PASTORAL CARE

If you (or someone you know) is house-bound, in hospital or in residential care and would appreciate a visit from a Priest or someone from the Parish, please let us know.  
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