



Welcome to

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

(Part of the Adelaide Cathedral Parish)

**EASTER SUNDAY - YEAR A**

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### **WEEKEND MASSES**

Kingscote at 9.30am

### **CONFESSION**

Kingscote at 9.00am (prior to Mass)

### **INTEGRITY & SAFEGUARDING**

We are a safeguarding Organisation which is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and adults at risk.

We believe that all God's children, young people and adults at risk 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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### **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.

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# Bulletin Board

## KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Healing list:** Brianna Chudlee, Annette Roestenburg, Michelle Glynn, Rebecca Semler, Chris Heath, Simon Laundry, Josh Semler, MaryAnne Higgs

### 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 Higgs.

*Please pray for all the faithful departed and may all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ.*

### PRIEST ROSTER

Easter Msgr Ian Dempsey

### EASTER MASS TIMES



#### • Thursday 2 April 2026 •

*Thursday of the Lord's Supper*  
6:30pm – Confessions  
7:00pm - Mass

#### • Friday 3 April 2026 •

*Friday of the Passion of the Lord*  
9:30am - Stations of the Cross  
(All denominations welcome)  
3:00pm - Liturgy of the Passion

#### • Saturday 4 April 2026 •

*Easter Vigil*  
7:30pm - Mass

#### • Sunday 5 April 2026 •

*Sunday of the Resurrection*  
9:30am - Mass



### MASS ROSTERS

Date	Readers/Prayers	Special Ministers	Cleaners
12 April	P Bennett, M Glynn	M Slagter, H Mumford	A Clark
19 April	A Clark, W Bennett	L Grant, K Hammat	A Clark
26 April	M Slagter, L Grant	P Bennett, A Clark	A Clark
03 May	P Bennett, K Hammat	S Semler, W Bennett	C Berden
10 May	H Mumford, A Clark	M Slagter, L Grant	C Berden
17 May	S Semler, L Grant	H Mumford, A Clark	C Berden
24 May	K Hammat, M Glynn	W Bennett, S Semler	C Berden
31 May	S Semler, L Grant	P Bennett, M Slagter	C Berden



## WANTED CLEANER

We are currently looking for a cleaner for the Parish House.

If interested, please contact Helen

Mumford (phone 0408 367 009) to find out about the application process.

## RAFFLE



The Guild is holding a new "Squares" fundraiser to support the end-of-year Maths Prize for each Campus. We would appreciate prizes to go in the raffle basket (and the purchase of some \$2 squares).

## HOPE BEGINS IN THE EMPTY TOMB

*(John 20: 1-10)*

In the stillness of early morning, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb carrying grief and confusion. What she found instead was something she never expected. The stone had been rolled away. The tomb was empty. In that moment, everything changed.

John captures the beginning of the greatest hope we know. At first, it does not look like hope. It looks like absence. It feels like uncertainty. Yet this is exactly where God begins something new. The resurrection is already unfolding, even before it is fully understood.

For our families and parish communities, this speaks into the heart of everyday life. We all experience moments that feel unclear or heavy. We carry worries for those we love. We face situations that do not resolve as quickly as we would like. Like Mary, we can find ourselves searching, wondering, and waiting.

Easter reminds us that God is always

at work, even in the moments that seem empty. The risen Christ meets us not only in celebration, but also in our questions and uncertainties. The empty tomb is a promise that love is stronger than fear, and life is stronger than death.

In our homes and parishes, we are called to live this hope. It is found in simple acts of kindness, in forgiveness freely given, in time spent together, and in faith shared across generations. These everyday moments become places where resurrection life is made visible.

This Easter season, let us be people who carry and share this hope. Let us trust that God is bringing new life in ways we may not yet see. The stone has been rolled away. Christ is risen. And hope has already begun.

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## WHAT'S ON

- 02 Apr Holy Thursday
- 03 Apr Good Friday  
(Holy Places Appeal)
- 04 Apr Holy Saturday
- 05 Apr Easter Sunday
- 10 Apr End school term 1
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 27 Apr School term 2 begins
- 17 May St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
- 8 Jun King's Birthday
- 28 Jun Holy Father's Appeal
- 3 Jul End school term 2
- 5 Jul NATSICC Appeal
- 12 Jul Stella Maris - Sea Sunday Appeal
- 20 Jul Beginning school term 3
- 9 Aug Promotion Vocations Appeal
- Sep Catholic Charities Month
- Sep 5-13 Royal Adelaide Show
- 25 Sep School term 3 ends
- 26 Sep AFL Grand Final
- 5 Oct Labour Day
- 12 Oct School term 4 begins
- 18 Oct World Mission Month
- 3 Nov Melbourne Cup
- 8 Nov Supporting our Clergy Appeal
- 15 Nov St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal
- 11 Dec School term 4 ends
- 25 Dec Christmas Day  
(Catholic Charities Special Appeal)
- 26 Dec Proclamation Day



## 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*

### AND THE TEMPLE VEIL WAS RIPPED FROM TOP TO BOTTOM

There are many haunting lines in the passion narratives. Who is not stirred in the soul when the passion story is read aloud in church and we come to the part where Jesus takes his last breath and there's that poignant minute of silence, where we all drop to our knees? No homily is ever as effective as that single line (*and he gave up his spirit*) and the moving silence that ensues.

Another such line that has always haunted me is the one that follows immediately after. We are told that at the moment of Jesus' death *the veil of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.*

My imagination, particularly when I was a child, always pictured that in a dark way: It grew dark in the middle of the day and then at the moment of Jesus' death, as if by a frightening strike of lightning, the temple veil was ripped from top to bottom while everyone looked on stunned, convinced now, too late, that the person they've just mocked and crucified is the Christ.

What's really meant by the phrase that the veil of the temple was torn apart at the moment of Jesus' death?

Biblical scholars tell us that the veil of the temple was precisely a curtain in the temple that prevented the people from seeing what was going on behind it, namely, the sacred rituals being performed by the temple priests. The curtain shielded the ordinary worshipper from mystery.

Thus, when the Gospels tell us that at the moment of Jesus' death the temple veil was torn apart from top to bottom, the point they are making is not, as my imagination would have it, that God shredded what was

most precious to the those who crucified Jesus to show them how wrong they were. To the contrary.

The temple veil was understood to shield people from mystery, from seeing inside the mystery of God. In the crucifixion, that veil is torn apart so that now everyone can see inside the real *Holy of Holies*, the inside of God.

We now see what God really looks like, that is, as One who loves us so unconditionally that we can crucify Him and he doesn't stop loving us for even a second. God spills his own blood to reach through to us rather than wanting us to spill ours to reach through to Him. What's meant by this?

There's a centuries old question that asks why Jesus had to die in so horrible a manner. Why all the blood? What kind of cosmic and divine game is being played out here? Is Christ's blood, *the blood of the lamb*, somehow paying off God for the sin of Adam and Eve and for our own sins? Why does blood need to be spilled?

This is a complex question and every answer that can be given is only a partial one. We are dealing with a great mystery here. However, even great mysteries can be partially understood. One of the reasons why Jesus dies in this way, one of the reasons for the spilling of blood, is clear, with profound implications. What's the reason?

It has precisely to do with blood. From the beginning of time until the crucifixion of Jesus, many cultures sacrificed blood to their gods. Why blood? Because blood is identified with the life-principle. Blood carries life, is life, and its loss is death. Thus, for all kinds of reasons, religious and anthropological, in many ancient cultures the idea was

present that we owe blood to God, that God needs to be appeased, that offering blood is our way of asking for forgiveness and expressing gratitude, *that blood is the language God really understands.*

And so, sincere religious people felt that they should be offering blood to God. And they did – and for a long time this included human blood. Humans were killed on altars everywhere. Thankfully most cultures eventually eliminated human sacrifice and used animals instead.

By the time of Jesus, the temple in Jerusalem had become a virtual butchery with priests killing animals nearly non-stop. Some scholars suggest that when Jesus upset the tables of the money changers, about 90% of commerce in Jerusalem was in one way or the other connected with animal sacrifice. Small wonder Jesus' action was perceived as a threat!

So why the blood at Jesus' death?

As Richard Rohr aptly puts it, for centuries we had been spilling blood to try to get to God and, in the crucifixion, things reversed: God spilled his own blood to try to get to us. And this reversal strips away the old veil of fear, the false belief that God wants blood, the false belief that God is not unconditional love, and that we need to live in fear of God.

God doesn't need blood as an appeasement. God never stops loving us for even a second. When the temple veil was ripped open, this incredible truth was revealed.

*You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: [www.ronrolheiser.com](http://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):  
Kangaroo Island DPF - CDF Account  
14870 S7.65  
BSB 066-782  
A/c No 100027201  
Reference: Your name

2nd Collection (Support for Parish):  
Kangaroo Island Parish – CDF Account  
1040 S1  
BSB 066-782  
A/c No 100000067  
Reference: Your name

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Priests and Parish Facilities.



It was dawn. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary sensed a trembling beneath their feet. It was an earthquake caused by the arrival of an angel who looked like lightning! He rolled away the huge stone from the tomb and sat on it. Shaking with fear, the nearby guards fell down. The angel said to the woman, "Do not be afraid. Jesus is not here. He has been raised. Go tell the others." Fearful yet overjoyed, they left and then saw Jesus himself!

Jesus, you bring new life to us!

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**1 Cor 5:7-8**

*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.

## HE IS RISEN! JUST LOOK AROUND!

I believe Jesus has risen. Why? Because I've seen the evidence. When I call out for help in prayer, I find peace, hope, or answers within myself or from someone who brings them into my life.

I've worked with countless young people who have given up countless hours of their time to lead retreats that urge their friends to meet, follow, and love Jesus Christ. Many of these same young people work in homeless shelters or Vinnies stores, they donate blood, fast, walk, run, volunteer for charities locally, nationally and abroad.

I didn't see Jesus leave the tomb. I've

only heard stories. But the disciple in the Gospel who reached the tomb first didn't see him leave either. He only saw the empty tomb. He believed because of other evidence. Maybe he believed because he saw the way Jesus changed the world while he lived. Maybe he believed because he saw the difference Jesus' disciples made when they followed his recipe for life.

You never saw Jesus leave the cave. But look around. There is plenty of evidence for the Resurrection. Look in the Scriptures and reach out to other Christians for help with a problem, and you'll find guidance from Jesus, who still lives today through them. Live like the role models who have inspired you by their Christian lives, and you'll find happiness by following the living Jesus. Follow the nudge in your conscience to help others, and you'll be an active participant in Jesus' Resurrection by changing the world.

Yes, there's plenty of evidence that Christ is alive and still changing the world. For those who are actively living their faith, it is hard to miss.

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(06 - 12 April)

- **Monday, 06:** Monday within Easter Octave (Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15)
- **Tuesday, 07:** Tuesday within Easter Octave (Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18)
- **Wednesday, 08:** Wednesday within Easter Octave Week (Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35)
- **Thursday, 09:** Thursday within Easter Octave (Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48)
- **Friday, 10:** Friday within Easter Octave Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14)
- **Saturday, 11:** Saturday within Easter Octave (Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15)
- **Sunday 12:** Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy) (Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pet 1:3-9; 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