



Welcome to

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

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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 (KI contact - 0408 367 009)
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## 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.*

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. I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. <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. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. <R>

## 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; (Continued page 4)



# 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 Higgins.

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

### PRIEST ROSTER

12 April Fr Lancy D'Silva  
19 April Fr Matthew Newman

### RAFFLE



The Guild is holding a new "Squares" fundraiser to support the end-of-year Maths Prize. Squares are on sale for \$2 each. Your generous support would be very much appreciated.

### CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION

If you still have any envelopes or boxes (or loose donations) for Project Compassion, please return them soon. Alternatively, you can also still donate directly online by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

## FINDING FAITH WHEN YOU'RE NOT SURE

Mia sat on the edge of her bed, staring at her phone. The group chat was lighting up again. "Did you hear?" "No way that's true." "I don't believe it."

It had been a long week. School felt full on, there had been tension at home, and now even her friends were arguing about something that didn't seem clear. Everyone had an opinion. No one really knew what to believe. Mia sighed. "I just want something real," she muttered.

The next day at Mass, she wasn't really paying attention at first. But then she heard the Gospel. It was the story of Thomas.

He hadn't been there when the others saw Jesus. Everyone else was excited, full of faith, certain. But Thomas wasn't convinced. He needed to see it for himself. He needed something real. Mia looked up. That sounds like me.

Then came the moment that stuck with her. When Jesus finally appeared, He didn't get angry at Thomas. He didn't say, "You should have believed." Instead, He met him right there in his doubt. And Thomas said, "My Lord and my God." Mia couldn't stop thinking about it.

That afternoon, she sat with her younger brother, who had been upset all day. Normally she would've ignored him or told him to get over it. But something nudged her.

Be real. Do something. So she stayed. She listened. She didn't fix everything, but she showed up. Later that night, she turned off her phone and sat quietly for a moment. It felt strange at first. "God... I don't always get it," she said softly. "But I'm here." It wasn't a big, dramatic moment. No bright lights. No instant answers. But it was real.

And somehow, in that small step, Mia realised something Thomas had discovered long before her. Faith isn't about having everything figured out. It's about showing up, even with questions, and choosing to trust anyway. Maybe believing doesn't start with seeing. Maybe it starts with taking one small step closer.

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## FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

### Sunday after Easter

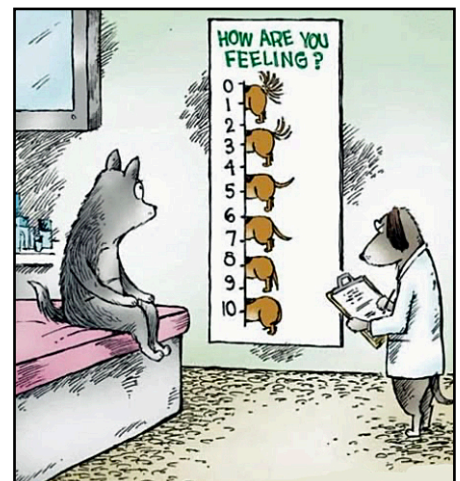
Pope John Paul II decreed that this would be a day of total forgiveness of sins and of punishment due to sins, for those who approach the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

## WHAT'S ON

- 10 Apr End school term 1
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 27 Apr School term 2 begins
- 17 May St Vincent de Paul 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 - 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

## 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





## Ron Rolheiser column

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### AND TIME STARTED OVER

With the resurrection of Jesus, time started over. Simply put, up until Jesus rose from the dead all things that died stayed dead. After Jesus' resurrection, nothing stays dead anymore. Time has begun anew.

Luke's Gospel account of the resurrection begins with the words "on the morning of the first day". This is a double reference. He is referring to Sunday, the first day of the week, but he is also referring to the first day of a new creation. With the resurrection, time has started over. In fact, the world measures time by that day. We are in the year 2026 since that morning when Jesus rose from the dead.

From the beginning of time until Jesus' resurrection, everything mortal died and remained in death. In the Judeo-Christian tradition, in the story of Adam and Eve and their fall from grace, we are given to believe that originally humans were not intended to die. In this view, death entered the world through the sin of our first parents. Today, for sound theological and scientific reasons, the Adam and Eve story is considered, like the other "in the beginning" stories in Genesis, to be more metaphoric and archetypal than literal. To be human is to be mortal.

Irrespective as to whether you take the Adam and Eve story literally and see death because of their sin or not, the bottom line is the same: From our first parents onward, everything that died stayed dead.

That changed with the resurrection of Jesus. When God raised him from the dead, creation was changed at its very roots. Nature changed. A dead body was brought to new life. Impossible? Yes, except that time started over! There was a new first

day, a new Genesis, a second time when we can say, "in the beginning".

And nothing stays dead now because Jesus is the "first fruit" of this new creation. What happened to him now happens to us. We too will not stay dead but will rise to new life.

Moreover, this isn't just true for us as humans. It's also true for the earth itself and everything on it. Jesus came to save the world, not just the people living in the world.

St. Paul makes this clear in his Epistle to the Romans when he writes that all creation, physical creation, has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth and – it itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. (Romans 8,21-23)

Our planet earth, like our human body, is also mortal. It is dying too. As we know, the sun will eventually burn out and that will spell the death of our planet. Our planet also needs to be resurrected, and scripture assures us that it will.

What all this means stretches our imagination beyond its limits. Does this mean that animals will also have eternal life? Will our beloved pets be with us in heaven? Will plants enter heaven? Will the whole cosmos and our planet earth be transformed and enter heaven?

The answer is yes, though how this will happen is beyond our imagination. Our human mind is too limited. This is impossible to imagine, except, except that God who is the Father of Jesus Christ is ineffable, beyond imagination, and can do the unimaginable, including transforming all things into new life.

The Gospel of John has a particularly poignant text which

links the resurrection of Jesus to the original creation as described in Genesis. John tells us that in his first resurrection appearance to the apostles, Jesus finds them huddled in fear inside a room with the doors locked. The resurrected Jesus goes right through the locked doors, enters their midst, greets them, shows them his hands and his side, and then breathes on them. (John 20,21)

This breathing out by Jesus parallels what happened at the original creation when God breathed over the formless void, and light began to separate from darkness and creation began to take shape.

After the resurrection, Jesus breathes on his disciples and for the second time in history light begins to separate from darkness. The confusion, fear, timidity, and the weaknesses of the apostles, their "formless void", their darkness, begins to separate from the new light brought by the resurrection, namely, the eternal light of charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

So, it's appropriate to say that with the resurrection of Jesus, time started over. There was a new first day where light again separated from darkness. The resurrection of Jesus is the most radical thing that has occurred since God originally said, let there be light! nearly fourteen billion years ago. The earth itself and everything on it, humans, animals, plants, and minerals, and the earth itself, are now given life beyond death.

Until the resurrection of Jesus, all things that died stayed dead. This is no longer true. Time has started over.

*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  
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BSB 066-782  
A/c No 100027201  
Reference: Your name

2nd Collection (Support for Parish):  
Kangaroo Island Parish – CDF Account  
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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.



Do you know which disciple Jesus is talking to here? If you said Thomas, you're right. But Jesus is also talking about you. Yes, you! You probably haven't seen the Risen Jesus like Thomas did. But you believe because, as Jesus says, you are blessed. You're blessed with God's gift of faith. Your faith is what helps you follow Jesus' command to love God and your neighbour. Your faith helps you believe that Jesus is really and truly present in the sacraments you receive. Your faith can give you hope that, even though we all die, Jesus' followers can live forever with him in peace and joy. Blessed are we! Blessed are you!

Jesus, thank you for your blessings.

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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 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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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*(13 - 23 April)*

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

## PASTORAL CARE

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