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TRANSFERS (0427 887 575)
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our visiting Priests.

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

WEEKEND MASSES

This weekend Mass will be held at
Kingscote at 9.30am.

With the introduction of Level 3
restrictions (1 person per 2sq.m) we
are permitted up to 78 people in our
Church, so there will be no need to
book in ahead.



FIRST READING

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 62:2-8

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom

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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Roy Gatton

November anniversaries: Jim Airton , Francis E Bannan, Vic Banner, Clorice Bates, Toni Berden, Leon Bourke , Imogen Brinkley, Harold Burgess, Donald Chalmers, Tim Clark, Evelyn Drane, John and Diene Hendrix, Carmel Higgins, Agnes Hughes, Margaret Hughes, Peggy Imboden, Andrew Kelly, Thomas Lydon, John McDonald, Colleen Moore, Roger Pahl, Teresa Panizza, Sam Perkins, Roy Rayson, Helen Redden, Patricia Ross, Harold Semler, Marie Slagter, Pat Smith, Graham Turner, Gwen Willson and all the faithful departed.

May all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing presence.

ROSTERS

Reader	Prayers	Cleaning
8/11 P Bennett	C Pahl	C Berden
15/11 N Clark	S Semler	C Berden
22/11 A Gibbs	A Clark	H Mumford
29/11 K Hammat	L Grant	H Mumford

OCTOBER PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

8 November	Fr Dev
15 November	Fr Kevin Matthews
22 November	Fr Kevin Matthews
29 November	Fr Kevin Matthews

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES

The month of November is traditionally the time when we pray for the dead. Names of deceased people you would like to be prayed for during November, can be entered into the Memorial Book. These people will be remembered especially during our Parish Masses during November.



SEEKING WISDOM

For a few years I worked in downtown San Francisco. It's a lovely city by every standard, but it has one major drawback that gives newcomers pause: it's located on an earthquake fault line. When you ask long-term residents how they cope with the idea that at any moment, without warning, their entire world could collapse under their feet, they look at you with the amusement of experience. "You get used to it," they tell you.

Most people who live on fault lines dismiss the odds. They don't have the emergency supplies on hand that local phone books recommend: enough bottled water for several days, flashlights, spare batteries, a transistor radio. To non-residents, this seems like madness. But consider all the things you may not be prepared for. How many people go through life without health insurance? Who prepares for divorce, disability, or even unemployment? In some ways, we all go about without oil in our lamps, like the five in this week's story, playing the odds that we won't come up short.

One way to be prepared for any eventuality is to ground our lives, not in fluctuating circumstances, but in Christ.

Though the earth shiver and crack open beneath us someday, we won't be lost if Christ is the bedrock upon which we stand.

What is the central truth upon which your life is grounded? Will that truth support you 'come hell or high water'?

Keep vigil for wisdom. Make time for spiritual reading regularly, as well as prayer, solitude, and worship. Get into the habit of discerning God's will as you make decisions regarding relationships and resources.

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MOVING ON

Prepare for the coming of the Kingdom? I'm stressed out just preparing for my upcoming move to another state. After 27 years living in Victoria, I'm moving to a very small town in rural New South Wales. I'm in the thick of getting ready for it: packing boxes, calling movers, visiting with friends to say goodbye. I'm worried about getting my things there in one piece, worried about how much it's going to cost, worried

about how I'll handle the transition to a very different kind of lifestyle.

While the uncertainty is scary, it's also the best part. I can't wait for all the new people I'll meet, all the new adventures I'll have, all the new places I'll explore. I have no idea what awaits me in this new chapter of my life, but I can't wait to find out. Of course, there will be a million logistical hassles of settling in on that end, too, but I've done it enough times to know that's just the external busy work necessary for the internal work of change. Which is the whole reason I'm moving: I think God is calling me to grow in a different direction and it's my job to keep my heart prepared with openness to what comes.

Our watchfulness must be a daily thing. I learned my first lesson in responsibility the day I returned home from school to find my guinea pigs missing. I rushed to ask my mother about them. "I gave them away because you didn't take care of them". "But I did take care of them!" "Darling, I gave them away ten days ago!"

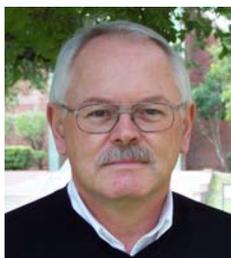
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NEW DIRECT GIVING APP

You can now contribute to the first and second collections via your mobile phone. Download the Adelaide Archdiocese Find a Mass app or go to <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/app-home> to make a one-off donation or set up recurring donations to the parish (second collection) and for the support of the clergy (first collection) as well as to special collections held throughout the year.

My friend (pictured below in his back yard) celebrated his birthday this year by buying an all-terrain, 4WD.





Ron Rolheiser column

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STRUCTURE, RITUAL, AND HABIT AS ANCHORING LOVE, PRAYER AND SERVICE

In his book, *The Second Mountain* David Brooks suggests that a key to sustaining fidelity in any vocation is to *build a structure of behavior for those moments when love falters*. He's right.

Anybody who has made a commitment to be faithful for the long haul inside a marriage, a friendship, a faith community, or a vocation to serve others, will need more than initial enthusiasm, bare-footed sincerity, affective energy, and good resolutions to sustain himself or herself on that road. It's one thing to have a honeymoon with someone, it's another to be in a marriage over many years. It's one thing to be an enthusiastic neophyte on a spiritual journey, it's another thing to remain faithful inside that journey for seventy or eighty years. And it's one thing to go out for a season and serve meals to the homeless, it's something else to be Dorothy Day.

So the question is: how do we sustain our initial enthusiasm, sincerity, affective energy, and good resolutions through the boredom, heartbreak, misunderstanding, tiredness, and temptations all of us will undergo in our lives, whether that be in our marriage, our vocation, our church life, our prayer life, or our service to others?

That question was put to me recently, speaking to a group of young seminarians, I shared that I had just celebrated forty-eight years of ministry. The seminarians peppered me with questions: What's the secret? How do you get through the rough times? How do you sustain good intention, good will, and good energy year after year? How do you sustain your prayer life over forty or fifty years?

I answered with an insight from Dietrich Bonhoeffer who, whenever

he officiated at a wedding, would tell the couple: *Today you are very much in love and think your love will sustain your marriage. It can't. But your marriage can sustain your love.* I advised the seminarians in the same way: don't trust your present enthusiasm and good energy to sustain your priesthood; let your priesthood sustain your enthusiasm and energy. What's at stake here?

A genuine commitment in faith, love, or service becomes a ritual container, an ark, like Noah's, that existentially locks you in. And the fact that you're locked in is exactly what makes the commitment work. You enter naively, believing that your good feelings and affective energies will sustain you. They won't. Inevitably they will be worn down by time, familiarity, boredom, misunderstanding, tiredness, wound, and new obsessions that emotionally tempt you elsewhere. So how can you sustain yourself in a commitment through periods of dryness? David Brook's answer is a good one – *by building a structure of behavior for exactly those moments.*

How do you do that? Through routine, ritual, and habit. Anchor your person and your commitment in ritual habits that steady and hold you beyond your feelings on any given day. Set rituals for yourself, certain ritual behaviors, which you will do regularly no matter how you feel.

For me, as a priest, some of these are pre-set. As a priest, you are to daily pray the Office of the Church as a prayer for the world, no matter how you feel. You are to celebrate the Eucharist for others regularly, irrespective of whether or not this is personally meaningful to you on any given day. You are to do some private prayer daily, particularly when you don't feel like it. The list goes on. These rituals give you structure and healthy routines, and they are needed because in the priesthood as in every other vocation, there are times of fervor when feelings are enough to sustain you; however there are also

desert times, bitter times, angry times, times when love falters. It's then that a structure of behavior can steady and sustain you.

The same holds true for marriage. Couples have to build a structure of behavior for those times when love falters. To name one such ritual: a wife and husband need to have some ritual expression of affection when they wish each other a good day as they part each morning, no matter their emotions and feelings on a given day. That ritual is a container, an ark, which locks them in and holds them together until a better season and better feelings return. Ritual can sustain love when it falters.

In understanding this, we need beware of "Job's friends", that is, beware of the various books and gurus on spirituality, prayer, and marriage that give you the impression there's something wrong with you if your enthusiasm and emotional affectivity are not the glue that daily sustains you in your commitment. Simply put, these are books written by spiritual novices and marriage manuals written by someone confusing a honeymoon for a marriage. Enthusiasm and good feelings are wonderful, but they can't sustain you through a marathon. For a marathon you need to have long-practiced strategies to carry you through the long tiring miles in the middle and at the end.

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

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(The following conditions apply for the time being)

- Attendance for mass is dependent on the 1 in 2 sq.m rule restriction. This number also applies for funerals and weddings.
- Except for families and household groups, people should socially distance. There should be no physical contact outside one's family or household group.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details. Logs are located at the entrance to the Church.
- Hand sanitizer is to be available at church entrances.
- Singing as a congregation is to be avoided at this time.
- Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates will not be passed around but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Offertory procession will be omitted.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- All surfaces should be cleaned at least daily, with special attention given to frequently touched surfaces.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- Care should be taking at the dismissal and on leaving the church to minimise social contact.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

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was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

DID YOU KNOW?

- A solemn procession from the house of the bride's father to the house of the bridegroom was an important part of the Jewish wedding ceremony. These bridesmaids are a 'guard of honour' to greet the groom on his return with his bride. Sometimes problems with the marriage contract or the unhurried exchange of gifts between families lead to long delays in their return.
- Jesus referred to himself as a bridegroom (Mk 2:19-20) and the Church is sometimes referred to as the bride of Christ.

EXPLORING THE WORD

As the public ministry of Jesus draws to a close, Matthew introduces the themes of delay and the need to be ready for the second coming of Christ. Matthew's community were living in the 'in-between' times. Christ's victory over death through his resurrection had begun a new phase in history but it was not yet complete. Completion would only come with his return in glory. We again hear the familiar imagery of the messianic banquet or wedding

feast to which all are invited. But only those who live with an attitude of openness and readiness will come into the great hall. Today's parable speaks strongly of the need to live in the present with an eye to the future. We cannot live only for the 'now' with no thought for our ultimate goal, nor can we ignore the sufferings and responsibilities of the present and set our hearts only on heaven.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- The lamp oil represents those resources we have to meet the challenge of being ready: our actions, our faith, our service to others, our prayer, how much we have loved. It is not that the sensible virgins are being selfish; it is simply that this kind of oil—the way we live our lives—cannot be exchanged. We have to rely on our own resources to be ready.
- Think about the priorities in your own life. What are the activities that take up your time and energy? Are they the kinds of activities that prepare you to meet the bridegroom?

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(09 - 15 November)

- **Monday, 09:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9,12; Jn 2:13-22)
- **Tuesday, 10:** St Leo the Great (Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10)
- **Wednesday, 11:** St Martin of Tours (Titus 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19)
- **Thursday, 12:** St Josaphat (Philemon 7-20; Lk 17:20-25)
- **Friday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 32 (2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37)
- **Saturday, 14:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8)
- **Sunday 19:** 33rd Sunday, Ordinary Time (Prov 31:10-13, 19-20m 30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30)

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