



Welcome to

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

## 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

*Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18*

Taking Abram outside,  
the Lord said, 'Look up  
to heaven and count the  
stars if you can. Such  
will be your  
descendants' he told  
him. Abram put his faith  
in the Lord, who  
counted this as making  
him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said  
to him 'who brought  
you out of Ur of the  
Chaldaeans to make you  
heir to this land.' 'My  
Lord, the Lord' Abram  
replied 'how am I to  
know that I shall inherit  
it?' He said to him, 'Get  
me a three-year-old  
heifer, a three-year-old  
goat, a three-year-old  
ram, a turtledove and a

young pigeon.' He brought him all  
these, cut them in half and put half  
on one side and half facing it on the  
other; but the birds he did not cut in  
half. Birds of prey came down on the  
carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram  
fell into a deep sleep, and terror  
seized him. When the sun had set  
and darkness had fallen, there  
appeared a smoking furnace and a  
firebrand that went between the  
halves. That day the Lord made a  
Covenant with Abram in these  
terms:

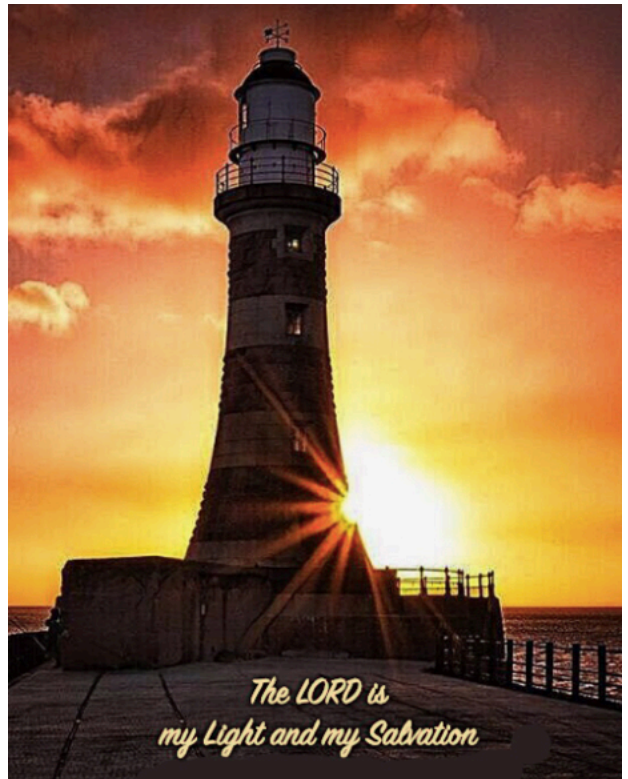
'To your descendants I give this  
land, from the wadi of Egypt to the  
Great River.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 26: 7-9, 13-14*

*The Lord is my light and my  
salvation.*

1. The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear? The Lord is the  
stronghold of my life; before  
whom shall I shrink? <R>



2. O Lord, hear my voice when I  
call; have mercy and answer. Of  
you my heart has spoken: 'Seek  
his face.' <R>
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face. Dismiss not  
your servant in anger; you have  
been my help. <R>
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's  
goodness in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take  
heart. Hope in the Lord. <R>

## SECOND READING

*Philippians 3:17-4:1*

My brothers, be united in following  
my rule of life. Take as your models  
everybody who is already doing this  
and study them as you used to study  
us. I have told you often, and I  
repeat it today with tears, there are  
many who are behaving as the  
enemies of the cross of Christ. They  
are destined to be lost. They make  
foods into their god and they are  
proudest of something they ought to  
think shameful; the things they think  
important are earthly things.

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# Bulletin Board

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Healing list:** Sue Semler, Brianna Chudlee, Peter Weatherstone, John Slagter, Annette Roestenburg, Michelle Glynn, Elijah Laundy, Rebecca Semler, Simon Laundy, Chris Heath, Josh Semler

## March anniversaries:

Peter Beinke, Kieren Berden, Ellen Clarke, Peter Clark, Ellen Denholm, Inez Frawley, Kathleen Gannon, Archbishop Gleeson, Alec Grant, Keith Hornby, Gladys Learn, Jean Lonzar, Patrick Lyden, Kath Northcott, Stephen Northcott, Denis O'Brien, James Palmer, Dilly Reynolds, Richard Semler, Sylvester Shannon, Peter Slagter, Cathy Smythe, Eunice Trethewey, Edie Willson, Glad Nash.

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

## PARISH ROSTERS

	Reader	Prayers	Cleaning
16/3	W Bennett	M Glynn	A Clark
23/3	A Clark	P Bennett	A Clark
30/3	M Slagter	L Grant	A Clark
06/4	W Bennett	K Hammat	A Clark
	P Clark (Gospel)		
13/4	H Mumford	A Clark	C Berden
20/4	S Semler	L Grant	C Berden

## PRIEST ROSTER

16 March	Fr Peter Hoskin
23 March	Fr Lancy D'Dilva
30 March	Mons Ian Dempsey
06 April	Liturgy - A Clark
13 April	Mons Ian Dempsey

## LENTE PASTORAL LETTER

There are limited hard copies of the Archbishop's Lenten Pastoral in the Church foyer, or use the QR code to read the full document.



## LENTE REFLECTION BOOKLETS

Free Lenten Reflection booklets are available from the foyer of the Church today. These are suitable for

private reflection, or you might like to join with others for group reflection.



## EASTER MASS TIMES

- **Holy Thursday - 17 April** •  
6.30pm - Reconciliation Service  
7.00pm - Mass of the Last Supper
- **Good Friday - 18 April** •  
9.30am - Stations of the Cross  
3.00pm - Commemoration of Passion of our Lord
- **Holy Saturday - 19 April** •  
7.30pm - Easter Vigil
- **Easter Sunday - 20 April** •  
9.30am - Mass

## PROJECT COMPASSION



Today's Gospel brings us a wonderful moment in the education of Jesus's friends.

Jesus was always trying to teach them about the mystery of life, and we can take heart from the fact that they were often slow learners. Peter, James and John see Jesus transfigured on the top of a mountain. But the vision doesn't last long. Peter, always practical, wants to build tents so they can stay in the moment. But no, the journey to Calvary lies ahead where they will see Jesus disfigured. Eventually, they will put it together that transfiguration and disfigurement are two sides of the same coin.

This week, Caritas Australia's Project Compassion shares another story of education. We visit a primary school in Samoa with 400 students and 11 teachers. Until 2023, the school had no reliable access to fresh water. At times, teachers had to fetch water from neighbouring families, and this took considerable time out of the day and limited classes. It also meant that each class had a single bucket of drinking water for everyone to share. Thanks to your generosity, this has now changed.

Education can continue uninterrupted. You might even say, that thanks to those who support Project Compassion, disfigured lives have been transfigured.

Samoa may seem a long way away but let us think for a moment of some of the words Jesus said on the night before he died. He prayed 'may they all be one.' We see the high price of division and conflict in so many places. People face each other with such hostility. As we Unite Against Poverty, we are slowly creating the solution. Our actions are teaching the world to see possibilities more than problems. Just as his friends saw Jesus in a brilliant new light, so too must we see the whole human family with its true dignity.



Project Compassion boxes/envelopes are available in Foyer.

## CALENDAR 2025

12 Apr	Last day School term 1
13 Apr	Palm Sunday
17 Apr	Thursday of Lord's Supper
18 Apr	Good Friday
18 Apr	Holy Places Appeal
19 Apr	Holy Saturday
20 Apr	Easter Sunday
25 Apr	ANZAC Day
28 Apr	First day School term
18 May	St Vincent de Paul Appeal
9 Jun	King's birthday holiday
29 Jun	Holy Father's Appeal
2 Jul	Last day School term 2
6 July	NATSICC Appeal
20 Jul	Stella Maris - Sea Sunday
21 Jul	First day School term 3
10 Aug	Vocations Appeal
26 Sep	Last day School term 3
6 Oct	Labour day holiday
13 Oct	First day School term 4
12 Dec	Last day School term 4





## 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

### CASTING OUT DEMONS THROUGH SILENCE

There is an incident in the Gospels where the disciples of Jesus were unable to cast out a particular demon. When they asked Jesus why, he replied that *some demons can only be cast out by prayer*. The particular demon he was referring in this instance had rendered a man deaf and mute.

I want to name another demon which seemingly cannot be cast out except by prayer, namely, the demon that forever fractures our personal relationships, families, communities, and churches through misunderstanding and division, making it forever difficult to be in life-giving community with each other.

What particular prayer is needed to cast out this demon? The prayer of a shared silence, akin to a *Quaker Silence*.

What is a *Quaker Silence*?

A tiny bit of history first: Quakers are a historically Protestant Christian set of denominations whose members refer to each other as *Friends* but are generally called *Quakers* because of a famous statement once made by their founder, George Fox (1624-1691). Legend has it that in the face of some authority figures who were trying to intimidate him, Fox held up his Bible and said: *This is the word of God, quake before it!*

For the Quakers, particularly early on, their common prayer consisted mainly in sitting together in community in silence, waiting for God to speak to them. They would sit together in silence, waiting on God's power to come and give them something that they could not give themselves, namely, real community with each other beyond the divisions that separated them. Though they sat

individually, their prayer was radically communal. They were sitting as one body, waiting together for God to give them a unity they could not give themselves.

Might this be a practice that we, Christians of every denomination, could practice today in the light of the helplessness we feel in the face of division everywhere (in our families, in our churches, and in our countries)? Given that, as Christians, we are at root one community inside the Body of Christ, a single organic body where physical distance does not really separate us, might we begin as a regular prayer practice to sit with each other in a *Quaker Silence*, one community, sitting in silence, waiting together, waiting for God to come and give us community that we are powerless to give ourselves?

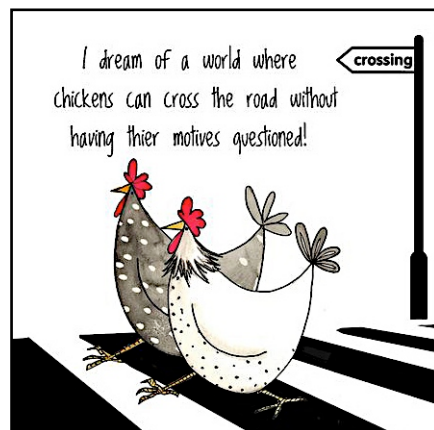
Practically, how might this be done? Here's a suggestion: each day set aside a time to sit in silence, alone or ideally with others, for a set period of time (fifteen to twenty minutes) where the intent, unlike in private meditation, is not first of all to nurture your personal intimacy with God, but rather to sit together in community with everyone inside the Body of Christ (and with all sincere persons everywhere) asking God to come and give us communion beyond division.

This could also be a powerful ritual in marriage and in family life. Perhaps one of the most healing therapies inside of a marriage might be for a couple to sit together regularly in a silence, asking God to give them something that they cannot give themselves, namely, an understanding of each other beyond the tensions of everyday life. I remember as a child, praying the rosary together as a family each evening and that ritual having the effect of a *Quaker Silence*. It calmed the tensions that had built up during the day and left us feeling more peaceful as a family.

I use the term *Quaker Silence*, but there are various forms of meditation and contemplation which have the same intentionality. For example, the founder of the *Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate* (the religious order I belong to), Saint Eugene de Mazenod, left us a prayer practice he called *Oraison*. This is its intention: as Oblates we are meant to live together in community, but we are a worldwide congregation scattered over sixty countries around the world. How can we be in community with each other across distance?

Through the practice of *Oraison*. Saint Eugene asked us to set aside a half hour each day to sit in a silence that is intended to be a time when we are not just in communion with God but are also intentionally in communion with all Oblates around the world. Akin to a Quaker Silence, it is a prayer wherein each person sits alone, in silence, but in community, asking God to form one community across all distances and differences. When Jesus says some demons are only cast out by prayer, he means it. And perhaps the demon to which this most particularly refers is the demon of misunderstanding and division. We all know how powerless we are to cast it out. Sitting in a communal silence, asking God to do something for us beyond our powerlessness, can exorcise the demon of misunderstanding and division.

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

2nd Collection (Support for our Parish):  
BSB 066-782  
A/c No 100000067  
Reference: Your name

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

## CHILD PROTECTION

We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children and young people. We believe that all God's children and young people have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected, and valued. A safe environment for all.

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## KIDS' CORNER

*While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened. (Luke 9:34)*

The Transfiguration of the Lord is one of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. Something that is luminous gives light and shines brightly. At the Transfiguration, Jesus appeared in bright, dazzling glory along with Moses and Elijah. The voice of God shed light on who Jesus is, saying, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him" (v. 35). We can understand why the disciples were frightened. It was almost too much for them to take in.

Sometimes we wish we knew more about God and could see God up close, but until we're ready, it's too much for us. Meanwhile, every little sign of beauty, truth and goodness gives us a glimpse of the greatness of God's glory. *GPBS eNews*

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For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

## GOSPEL

**Luke 9:28-36**

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

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## AN EXCELLENT DAY

It was no surprise who won the award of excellence. Year after year for nearly 15 consecutive, he was top in his field. With a new panel of judges every year no one suspected favouritism. In fact, no one doubted

his work was the best. The question was how did he keep so consistently good? The answer: Each day he was committed to doing his best work.

That is the message of today's gospel. Jesus takes the disciples to the mountaintop and they see him in all his glory. Peter wants to pitch three tents and stay for a while basking in God's glory. He obviously doesn't get it, so God is very clear: God tells Jesus' disciples to take this moment of truth to listen to Jesus about how to participate in the life of the divine. When they come down from the mountain, Jesus immediately gets to work healing, forgiving, and preparing for the agony and ecstasy to come.

As modern disciples of Christ we are asked to do the same. We need time to pray, but that is just the beginning. Our week must then be filled with the business of participating in God's kingdom – sharing; listening; being responsive and courteous; performing tasks faithfully and honestly; confronting problems reasonably and respectfully; showing diligence in our pursuit of justice, patience in our desire for understanding, compassion to the least of our sisters and brothers, and mercy on ourselves and others for not consistently achieving excellence.

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*(14 - 20 March)*

- **Monday, 17:** St Patrick (Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20)
- **Tuesday, 18:** Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Lent (Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Wednesday, 19:** ST JOSEPH, spouse of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (2Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24)
- **Thursday, 20:** Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Lent (Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31)
- **Friday, 21:** Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Lent (Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)
- **Saturday, 22:** Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> week Lent (Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Micah 7:14-15, 18-20)
- **Sunday, 23:** THIRD SUNDAY of LENT (Ex 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9)

## 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