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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

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

The godless say to themselves:

‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

‘Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God’s son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 53:3-6, 8

The Lord upholds my life.

SECOND READING

James 3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also

makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn’t it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven’t got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don’t have what you want is because you don’t pray for it; when you do pray and don’t get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Thess 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his

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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 Laundry.

September anniversaries: Frank Berden, Mary Bowery, Jimmy Browne, Terrence Browne, Gwen Caldicott, Audrey Carslake, Peg Dow, Thomas Drane, Bernadette Florance, Christopher Glynn, Loretta Hartley, Catherine Hughes, Patrick Hughes, Pearl Malycha, Elvie Meaney, Dean Larcombe, Julia Martienses, Eileen Morris, Reginald Pahl, Maise Rooney, Breton Semler, Vera Shannon, James Smith

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
22/9	A Clark	M Glynn	A Clark
29/9	M Slagter	P Bennett	A Clark

PRIEST ROSTER

22/9	Fr Michael Brennan
29/9	Fr Kevin Horsell
6/10	Fr Kevin Horsell



SEPTEMBER IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH

Help make a difference to the lives of South Australians. In the month of September, we are promoting the Catholic Charities Appeal. Donations can be made via the slip on leaflet or adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/cc

DATES

Sep	Catholic Charities month
27 Sep	Last day School term 3
28 Sep	AFL Grand Final
29 Sep	Migrant and Refugee Sunday
05/06	Supporting Clergy Appeal
October	World Mission Month
07 Oct	Labour Day holiday
14 Oct	First day School term 4
05 Nov	Melbourne Cup
10 Nov	St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal
17 Nov	KI Catholic Parish 70 th Anniversary Mass 9.30am
13 Dec	Last day School term 4
25 Dec	Catholic Charities Appeal

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS NEW INFORMATION

The banking details have changed for those wishing to make weekly contributions by Direct Debit. These details are printed on page 4 of this bulletin.

PEACE BE WITH YOU

The large goal of world peace begins with commitment to peace in smaller areas – our personal relationships, our homes and our communities.

The [International Day of Peace](#) (21 September) and the [International Day of Non-Violence](#) (2 October) are timely in a world full of stories of war and rumours of war, of violence turned recklessly against civilians, and of the formation of different blocs united in mutual suspicion.

Most Australians have mercifully been spared from war in our own land. Many people, however, have come to Australia after fleeing the violence of war in their own lands. They and their families have experienced the indiscriminate violence caused by bombs, shells and mines, the personalised violence of rape and bullets, and the tearing apart of family, village, culture and future hopes. Such experience and its effects can affect their lives and those of their descendants, as they have affected the lives of Indigenous Australians after the colonial invasion. The suicides among Australians who have fought in war, too, testify to its destructive effects.

We must seek peace

In such a world we must remind ourselves constantly that in war everybody loses and peace will come only if we seek it. In Jesus' preaching, to be a peacemaker was not a soft option. It meant turning the other cheek if struck, returning good for evil, walking an extra mile if asked, and finally risking and accepting death inflicted by the intolerance of others. Nor is peacemaking to be taken for granted in our own day. Mahatma Gandhi, whose example is the focus of Non-Violence Day, led a cause for which people accepted jailing in their search for a just world.

The faithfulness of such

conscientious objectors in time of war as Franz Jägerstätter, who accepted death at the hands of the Nazi regime rather than fight, also awes us. It continues to inspire pacifist Christian groups which oppose the possession and readiness to make use of nuclear weapons. And yet most people, including Christians, believe that it is better to fight people intent on doing us harm than to let them have their way with us.

Whether or not we believe that violence can never rightly be met with violence, the International Day of Non-Violence and the lives of people who practise non-violence in demanding ways do make us reflect on the place that violence has in our personal lives and in our society.

Effects of violence

In recent times we have become more aware of how violence can affect people. We have learned how childhood beatings have continued to traumatise people in their later life, and have often led people to be similarly violent. We also recognise the extent of domestic violence directed against women and the damage it causes to body and to spirit. We now understand better, too, the effects of images of masculinity that identify strength and self-assertion with physical violence.

World peace begins at home in the quiet strengths within our personal relationships. They are such things as patience, readiness to forgive and respect for others. They are the soil in which peace can grow.

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"Australian Catholics"*





Ron Rolheiser column

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BEING RICH, BUT IN A HURRY

Several years ago, I went with another priest to visit a mutual friend. Our friend, a successful businessman, was living on the top floor of a very expensive apartment overlooking the river valley in the city of Edmonton. At one point during our visit, he took us out on his balcony to show us the view. It was spectacular. You could see for miles, the entire river valley and much of the city.

We were in awe and told him so. Thanking us for the compliments, he shared that, sadly, he seldom came out on the balcony to drink in the view. Here are some of his words: "You know, I should give this place to some poor family who could enjoy it. I could live in a basement apartment since I never have time to enjoy this. I can't remember when I last came out here to watch a sunset or a sunrise. I'm always too busy, too pressured, too preoccupied. This place is wasted on me. About the only time I come out here is when I have visitors and want to show them the view."

Jesus once said something that might be paraphrased this way: *What does it profit you if you gain the whole world and are forever too much in a hurry and too pressured to enjoy it.*

When Jesus talks about gaining the whole world and suffering the loss of your own soul, he isn't first of all referring to having a bad moral life, dying in sin, and going to hell. That's the more radical warning in his message. We can lose our soul in other ways, even while we are good, dedicated, moral people. The man whose story I just shared is indeed a very good, dedicated, moral, and kind man. But he is, by his own humble admission, struggling to be a soulful person, to be more inside the richness of his own life because

when you live under constant pressure and are perennially forced to hurry, it isn't easy to get up in the morning and say: "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice in it." We are more likely to say: "Lord, just get me through this day!"

As well, when Jesus tells us that it's difficult for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, he isn't just referring to material riches, money, and affluence, though these are contained in the warning. The problem can also be a rich agenda, a job or a passion that so consumes us that we rarely take the time (or even think of taking the time) to enjoy the beauty of a sunset or the fact that we are healthy and have the privilege of having a rich agenda.

Full disclosure, this is one of my struggles. During all my years in ministry, I have always been blessed with a rich agenda, important work, work that I love. But, when I'm honest, I need to admit that during these years I have been too hurried and over pressured to watch many sunsets (unless, like my friend, I was pointing out their beauty to a visitor).

I have tried to break out of this by conscripting myself to regular times of quiet prayer, regular walks, retreats, and several weeks of vacation each year. That has helped, no doubt, but I'm still too much of an addict, pressured and hurried almost all the time, longing for space for quiet, for prayer, for sunsets, for a hike in a park, for a glass of wine or scotch, for a contemplative cigar. And I recognize an irony here: I'm hurrying and tiring myself out in order to carve out some time to relax!

I'm no Thomas Merton, but I take consolation in the fact that he, a monk in a monastery, was often too busy and pressured to find solitude.

In search of that, he spent the last few years of his life in hermitage, away from the main monastery except for Eucharist and the Office of the Church each day. Then, when he found solitude, he was surprised at how different it was from the way he had imagined it. Here's how he describes it in his diary:

Today I am in solitude because at this moment "it is enough to be, in an ordinary human mode, with one's hunger and sleep, one's cold and warmth, rising and going to bed. Putting on blankets and taking them off, making coffee and then drinking it. Defrosting the refrigerator, reading, meditating, working, praying. I live as my ancestors lived on this earth, until eventually I die. Amen. There is no need to make an assertion about my life, especially so about it as mine ... I must learn to live so as to forget program and artifice."

And to check out the sunset from my balcony!

When we are rich, busy, pressured, and preoccupied, it's hard to taste one's own coffee.

You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: 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):
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Reference: Your name

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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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DID YOU KNOW?

- Capernaum was a town on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee. It was the home town of Peter and some of the other apostles. Jesus used Capernaum as his 'home base' during his ministry in the region of Galilee. The 'house' referred to in this text may well have been the house of Simon Peter, where we know Jesus spent time (Mk 1:29).
- 'The Son of Man' is a title Jesus often uses of himself in Mark's Gospel.
- In sitting down to instruct the disciples about being of service to others, Jesus is reinforcing his words about being the least. At that time, a teacher had greater status than his students. The normal practice was for students to sit at the feet of the teacher, not the other way around.
- In the ancient world, children had no status at all but Jesus puts a child before them and embraces him in welcome. This is another gesture of reversal.

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disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

ANGELS ALL ROUND

(Mark 9:30- 37)

Jesus put a child in the middle of the room. Then, cradling the little one in his arms, he said, "Whoever embraces one of these children as I do embraces me, and far more than me – God who sent me." (Mark 9: 36 - 37)

Mark had just gotten off a suburban train when an older woman came up to him and asked for directions. She was supposed to meet a friend who was taking a particular bus to a particular spot near the train station. Her English was a little broken, and the instructions her friend had given were less than complete.

Mark walked with her to what he thought was the nearest bus stop, but he wasn't sure it was the right place. He was beginning to feel he was not really helping. While they were staring at the bus stop sign and trying to figure out what to do, they saw someone crossing the street coming toward them. She was a young woman, probably in her 20s, who was living with Down syndrome. "What are you looking for?" she asked.

"This woman's friend told her she was taking the 250 bus, but we're not sure we're at the right stop," Mark said.

"Oh," the young woman said, "you want the stop around the corner. I take that bus all the time to work." Mark had forgotten about that bus stop. They thanked the young person, and just as quickly as she appeared, she disappeared around the corner. Mark directed the older woman to where she needed to be. In a small way, he felt God had sent a messenger that day.

KIDS' CORNER

Jesus sat down and summoned the Twelve. "So you want first place? Then take the last place. Be the servant of all." (Mark 9:35)

Imagine you've been waiting in line for an hour to ride the new roller coaster at your favourite amusement park. You reach the front of the line, and suddenly there's an announcement: Everyone at the back of the line gets to go on first! You'd feel pretty cheated, wouldn't you?

It's okay to feel that way about a ride, but here's what God wants us to remember about the really important things in life: When we put the needs of others first and begin to care about them as much as we care about ourselves, we are living and acting like Jesus.

Jesus, help me put others first. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(September 23 - 29)

- **Monday, 23:** St Pius (Prov 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18)
- **Tuesday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Prov 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21)
- **Wednesday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Prov 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6)
- **Thursday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9)
- **Friday, 27:** St Vincent de Paul (Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22)
- **Saturday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Eccl 11:9-12:8; Lk 9:43-45)
- **Sunday 29:** 26th SUNDAY in ORD TIME (Num 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48)

PASTORAL CARE

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