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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

Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt

from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken.

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all

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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, Rebecca Semler, Simon Laundry, Chris Heath

December anniversaries:

Prudence Brook, Margaret Chapmann, Ann Commerford, Ernest Commerford, George Frauley, Annie Griffith, Graham Hammat, Franziska Hilz, Scott Imboden, Geraldine Kent, Nora Kerin RSJ, Eileen Johnson, John Kreffel, Anne Livingstone, Marcellina Mamogay, Frederick Moore, Valma Mumford, Sheila Norman, Denise Pettigrew, Ernie Reynolds, Joel Riley, Vernice Southern, Kevin Steinwedel, Eric Tabor, Mary Tully, John Wallace, Willard Wickham, Veronica Rue.

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
1/12	P Clark	L Grant	A Bevan
8/12	S Semler	W Bennett	C Brinkley
15/12	H Mumford	P Bennett	C Brinkley
22/12	A Clark	M Glynn	C Brinkley
29/12	M Slagter	W Bennett	C Brinkley

PRIEST ROSTER

December dates - TBA

THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE ON THE PATH OF PEACE

Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year and he wants the year to be lived as a 'year of hope' to which has been added by the Dicastery for the Consecrated Life in Rome: 'on the path of peace'. To pray for peace in our world is a call to each of us.

A Jubilee Year has its origins in the Scriptures, but the first one celebrated in Western Christianity, was in the year 1300, when Pope Boniface VII convoked a special year of grace and conversion, involving prayer, pilgrimage and sacramental

repentance. The goal of a Jubilee year is to inspire and encourage holiness of life among the faithful and therefore to strengthen the Church's witness to God's loving mercy in and for the world.

As well as Religious Sisters, Brothers, Priests and laity living the consecrated life, Jubilee 2025 is to be a year of celebrating the whole People of God. Consecrated life is being celebrated in Australia on Sunday 2 February, and in Rome from the 8 - 12 October.

The Vatican has issued a General Calendar of Jubilees naming 36 different organisations and groups of people, who are invited to celebrate their lives and ministries. Here is a small sample: 16 - 18 February, Artists; 8 - 9 March, Volunteers; 5 - 6 April, The Sick and Health-Care Workers; 26 - 27 April, Teenagers, 24 - 26 May, Children, 14 - 15 June, Sport, 26 - 28 September, catechists. 30 Oct - 2 November, The World of Education. Each group or organisation is encouraged to celebrate their Jubilee, by giving thanks to God, by linking with each other and by celebrating what they do in their lives and in our world. This is a wonderful invitation to parishes to celebrate one or more of these Jubilees, honouring the people within your local parish and/or school.

Our Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (COYYA) is celebrating the Jubilee of Youth between the 28 July and 3 August: *Power Up 2025*. They are also planning pilgrimages to the three chosen sites for the Jubilee Year in the Archdiocese: The Cathedral, Sevenhill and Penola.

So, why not think of some ways that we as the People of God, can celebrate the Jubilee Year within our local parish communities? You might like to choose other groups to celebrate? If you would like to access the Jubilee Calendar, here is the link: www.jubilaem2025.va It will take you to the Vatican website.

Pope Francis concludes the Jubilee prayer with:

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures that only you, God, can give to us. May that same grace spread the joy and peace

of Christ, our Redeemer, throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. AMEN

LEBANON CRISIS APPEAL

The escalating conflict between Israel and Hezbollah has pushed Lebanon into severe turmoil, with tragic consequences that have spread from Southern Lebanon to the entire nation. The situation is dire: over 3,000 lives have been lost, more than 13,000 people injured, and critical infrastructure has been destroyed.

In response to a heartfelt plea for assistance by Bishop Tarabay and Bishop Rabbat, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in partnership with Catholic Religious Australia, Caritas Australia and Caritas Lebanon, has launched the Lebanon Appeal.

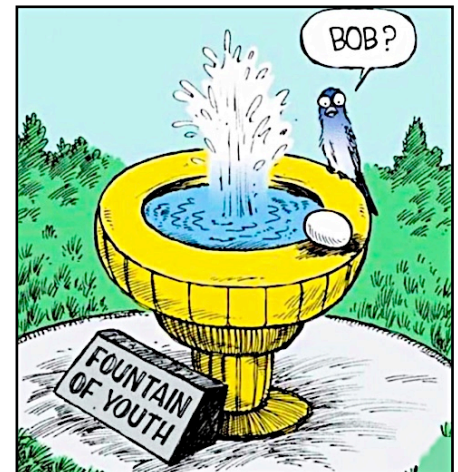
This appeal aims to provide essential humanitarian aid to our brothers and sisters suffering in Lebanon, especially those who are displaced and without homes or shelter. Donate today: www.caritas.org.au/lebanondonate

DATES 2024

13 Dec	Last day School term 4
25 Dec	Catholic Charities Appeal

2025

1 Jan	New Year's Day holiday
26 Jan	Australia Day holiday
28 Jan	First day, School term 1
5 Mar	Ash Wednesday
11 Mar	Adelaide Cup Day
13 Apr	Palm Sunday
17 Apr	Thursday of Lord's Supper
18 Apr	Good Friday
19 Apr	Holy Saturday
20 Apr	Easter Sunday
25 Apr	ANZAC Day





Ron Rolheiser column

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HEAVEN ISN'T THE SAME FOR EVERYONE

Daniel Berrigan once said: *Before you get serious about Jesus, think carefully about how good you are going to look on wood!*

That's a needed caution because Jesus warned us that if we follow him, pain will flow into our lives and we will join him on the cross. What exactly does that mean? Is pain laid on a disciple as some kind of test? Does Jesus need his followers to feel the pains he experienced? Does God want the followers of Jesus to undergo pain to help pay the price of sin? Why does accepting to carry the cross with Jesus bring pain into our lives?

It's interesting to note that the great mystic John of the Cross uses this, the inflow of pain into our lives, as a major criterion for discerning whether or not we are authentically following Jesus. For John, you know you are following Jesus when pain begins to flow into your life. Why? Does God lay special pain on those who take Christ seriously?

No. God doesn't apportion special pain on those who take Christ seriously. The pain that flows into our lives if we take Christ seriously doesn't come from God. It flows into us because of a deeper openness, a deeper sensitivity, and a new depth on our part. The algebra works this way: By authentically opening ourselves up to Christ we cease being overly self-protective, become more vulnerable and more sensitive, so that life, all of it, can flow into us more freely and more deeply.

And part of what now flows into us is pain: the pain of others, the pain of mother earth, the pain of our own inadequacy and lack of altruism, and the pain caused by the effect of sin everywhere. This pain will now enter us more deeply and we will feel it in a way we never did before

because previously we protected ourselves against it through insensitivity and self-focus.

Happily, this has a flip side: Just as pain will now flow into our lives more freely and more deeply, so too will meaning and happiness. Once we stop protecting ourselves through self-absorption, both pain and happiness can now flow more freely and more deeply into our hearts and we can begin to breathe out of a deeper part of ourselves.

Freud once commented that sometimes things can be best understood by examining their opposites. That's partially the case here. The opposite of someone who opens herself to pain, who opens herself to the pain of the cross, is a person who is callous and insensitive (in slang, someone "who is thick as a plank!"). Such a person won't feel a lot of pain – but won't feel much of anything else either.

A number of implications flow from this.

First, God doesn't lay pain on us when we become followers of Jesus and immerse ourselves more deeply in the mystery of Christ and the cross. The pain that ensues is intrinsic to the cross and is felt simply because we have now ceased protecting ourselves and are letting life, all of it, flow into us more freely and more deeply. Happily, the pain is more than offset by the new meaning and happiness that are now also felt.

Second, experiencing the pain that flows intrinsically from discipleship and the cross is, as John of the Cross wisely puts it, one of the major criteria that separates the real Gospel from the *Prosperity Gospel*. When the pain of the cross flows into our lives, we know that we are not feather-bedding our own self-interest in the name of the Gospel.

Third, it's worth it to be sensitive! Freud once said that neurosis (unhealthy anxiety) is the disease of

the normal person. What he didn't say, but might have, is that the antithesis of anxiety (healthy and unhealthy) is brute insensitivity, to be thick as a plank and thus protected from pain – but also protected from deeper meaning, love, intimacy, and community.

If you are a sensitive person (perhaps even an over-sensitive one, prone to depression and anxiety of all sorts) take consolation in that your very struggle indicates that you are not a calloused insensitive person, not a moral boor.

Finally, one of the implications of this is that heaven isn't the same for everyone. Just as pain can be shallow or deep, so too can meaning and happiness. To the degree that we open our hearts to depth, to that same degree deep meaning and happiness can flow into us. A closed heart makes for shallow meaning. A heart partially open makes for some deep meaning, but not full meaning. Whereas the heart that is fully open makes for the deepest meaning.

There are different depths to meaning and happiness here on earth and, I suspect, that will be true too in the next life. So, the invitation from Jesus is to accept the pain that comes from the wood of the cross rather than being *thick as a plank!*

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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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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DID YOU KNOW?

- Advent is the beginning of the church's liturgical year.
- The Advent period is concerned with 'waiting' for the coming of the Christ child.
- A recurring theme in the gospels read during Advent is looking towards the end times, when Christ will come again.
- Today begins the cycle of readings for Year C. This means that most of the gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Luke.
- The Advent wreath is one way of preparing for the coming of the Christ child. The circle of greenery is a symbol of God's love without beginning or end, while the candles represent the four weeks of preparation time. One candle is lit each Sunday during Advent, and the final, central candle is lit on Christmas Day.

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times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

THE ADVENT OF A NEW YEAR

I was terrified to start my first year of high school. While I was excited about the prospect of learning, I was afraid to go forward alone. My classmates from primary school were attending a different high school. I wasn't sure I would make it without the friends I had been with since kindergarten. I was sure my first day of high school would be the end of me.

As the summer holidays wound up, my mum encouraged me to check out a flyer from the soccer team about tryouts. I was a tough defender in other sports, so I figured I'd probably do well in the soccer team about the goal posts. My mum rearranged her schedule so that she could drive me to tryouts and then for practice after I made the team. I spent two weeks running drills with the team before school started. I got to know my teammates and found that a few of us shared the same classes. By the first day of high school, I had a few friends – and even some sports cred.

While it was tough to arrive at the end of what I had known for most of my life, it was also necessary in order for the great new adventure to begin. And people like my mum would be with me, giving me strength and encouragement – and car rides – all along the way.

As we start this first week of Advent, we remember that we go forth not alone but with our faith community. In this season of hope, we can trust that together we will find strength and encouragement for whatever adventures and challenges lie ahead.

PROMISES, PROMISES

(Luke 21:25-28, 34-36)

When we read end-of-the-world passages in Scripture, we usually focus on destruction unleashed on the unsuspecting world. "Apocalypse now" sounds really scary - and it's supposed to. But not to us believers. Be not afraid is one of the most oft-repeated pieces of advice in

the New Testament. If you're with Jesus, there's nothing to fear, even when the boat is rocking in a violent storm.

Some may die of fright when disaster strikes, whether it's apocalyptic or a mere crisis of modern living. We all know people who die a thousand deaths when the bank account is overdrawn. Fearful living is not faithful living. For believers there's no disaster large enough to be bigger than God's sovereignty. And though at first glance it seems strange to begin Advent and the new church year on such a note, on further examination it is the perfect place to start. We know we're not really waiting the coming of the Christ child but rather the coming of Christ the King (remember, last Sunday?) Redemption is at hand. We have nothing to fear.

KIDS' CORNER

When we're faced with a difficult choice, it would be easier if there were big arrow signs reading: GOD'S WAY. But God's way can't be found on a map. They are found in God's Word, in Jesus and through the Holy Spirit working in our hearts. How do we tune in? Prayer. Spend quiet time with God each day, and you will come to know what God wants for you and from you.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(December 02 - 08)

- **Monday, 02:** Monday, 1st week Advent (Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11)
- **Tuesday, 03:** St Francis Xavier (Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24)
- **Wednesday, 04:** Wednesday, 1st week Advent (Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37)
- **Thursday, 05:** Thursday, 1st week Advent (Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27)
- **Friday, 06:** Friday, 1st week Advent (Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31)
- **Saturday, 07:** St Ambrose (Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 – 10:1, 6-8)
- **Sunday 08:** SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT (Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6)

PASTORAL CARE

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