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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.

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.

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FIRE SAFETY

In case of a fire, please exit the front or rear door and gather on the lawn area near the Church. At the time, the Commentator will inform you of which door to exit safely.



FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:8-9, 15-18

The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. (R)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, call on him from their hearts. (R)

SECOND READING

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

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Bulletin Board

KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Brianna Chudlee, Annette Roestenburg, Michelle Glynn, Rebecca Semler, Chris Heath, Josh Semler, MaryAnne Higgs

July anniversaries: Alma Adams, Mary Banner, Joyce Bowbridge, Jimmy Browne, Steven Browne, Terence Browne, David Buick, Irene Darcy, Don Christie, John Commerford, David Cooper, Allan Forst, Paul Glynn Jr, Henry Hughes, Annemie Huys, Mary Kildea, Hazel Keitel, Daniel Lydon, Dot May, John Mertens, Rebecca Murch, Lorna Murphy, Winifred O'Daly, Margaret Rich, Joseph Ryan, Simon Slagter, Chris Slattery, Kathy Slotegraaf, Florence Tabor, Bracken Walker, Bill Willson, Owen Willson, Bill Roestenberg

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

PRIEST ROSTER

Aug 02 Fr Roman Palma
Aug 09 Fr Roman Palma



HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

We will be celebrating Holy Communion and Confirmation on 29 November this year. The Archbishop and Fr Lancy will concelebrate this special occasion.

Please keep Glenna and Collin and their families in your prayers.

WHAT WE BRING MATTERS

Jesus said, "Bring them here." Then he had the people sit on the grass. He took the five loaves and two fish, lifted his face to heaven in prayer, blessed, broke, and gave the bread to the disciples. The disciples then gave the food to the people. They all ate their fill. They gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. About five thousand were fed.

Jesus takes a small offering and transforms it into something extraordinary. A few loaves and fish seem completely inadequate in the face of such a great need, yet when they are placed in Jesus' hands, they become enough and more than enough. This beautiful story reminds us that God does not ask us to bring perfection, wealth or endless resources. God simply invites us to bring what we have with open hearts and generous spirits.

In our families, our parish community and our everyday lives, we can sometimes wonder if our small actions really make a difference. A prayer offered for someone who is struggling, a kind word to a neighbour, a welcome given to someone new at Mass, time spent with a family member, or a willingness to serve can seem like simple things. Yet these are the moments where God's love is made visible. The miracle is not only in what Jesus multiplies, but in the willingness of people to share what they already have.

Our world often tells us to focus on what we lack, but the Gospel invites us to notice the abundance already around us. Every person in our parish community has gifts, experiences and stories that can help build a stronger, more compassionate Church. The challenge is not to wait until we have more time, more confidence or more

resources. The challenge is to place what we have in God's hands today and trust that even our smallest efforts can become a source of hope and blessing for others. Together, through ordinary acts of love and generosity, God continues to feed the world with kindness, faith and compassion.

Questions for Reflection

- Where do I see opportunities to share my gifts and make a difference in the lives of others?
- Am I more focussed on what I cannot offer, or am I willing to trust God with what I already have?
- How can my family and our Parish community become a place where people experience God's generosity and welcome?

Action Response

This week, choose one simple way to be generous with your time, your attention or your kindness. Do not underestimate the impact of a small gift freely given. Place it in God's hands and trust that it can become something much greater than you imagined. *GPBS eNews*

WHAT'S ON

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

MASS ROSTERS

Date	Readers/Prayers	Special Ministers	Cleaners
2 August	P Bennett, K Hammat	S Semler, W Bennett	A Clark
9 August	S Heath, A Clark	M Slagter, L Grant	A Clark
16 August	S Semler, L Grant	H Mumford, K Hammat	A Clark
23 August	K Hammat, M Glynn	W Bennett, S Semler	A Clark
30 August	S Semler, L Grant	P Bennett, M Slagter	A Clark
06 Sept	P Clark, W Bennett	A Bevan, H Mumford	C Berden
13 Sept	K Hammat, S Semler	P Bennett, L Grant	C Berden
20 Sept	S Heath, P Bennett	S Semler, K Hammat	C Berden
27 Sept	A Clark, M Glynn	M Slagter, H Mumford	C Berden
4 October	M Slagter, W Bennett	K Hammat, S Semler	H Mumford





Ron Rolheiser column

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IT COMES AND IT GOES

The 13th century Persian poet and Sufi mystic, Rumi, once said that this is how faith moves in our lives: *We live with a deep secret that sometimes we know, then not, and then know again.*

New York columnist David Brooks says something quite similar. In his book, *The Second Mountain*, he shares how he is trying to live out both a Jewish and a Christian faith. For the most part, he says, it can work. After all, Jesus tried it. However, the hard question he is sometimes asked is: Do you believe in the resurrection of Jesus, believe that Jesus' body was gone from the tomb three days after his crucifixion? His answer: "*It comes and it goes.* The border stalker in me is still strong."

If most of us who profess ourselves as Christians were really honest, we would, I submit, give a similar answer to the question about the reality of Jesus' resurrection. Do we believe it actually happened? *It comes and it goes.* Perhaps not intellectually, but existentially.

It's one thing to profess intellectually that we believe in something, it's another to actually give credence to that in our lives. Jesus himself makes that distinction in his parable about a man having two sons and asking them to go work in his field. The first son answers yes, but never goes. The second son says no but ends up going and doing the work. Thus, Jesus asks, which of the two is the real son?

Well, Brooks' answer straddles the two, a border stalker. In truth, we are both sons, saying yes, then no, then yes again. John Shea, commenting on the ups and downs of Jesus' first disciples and their vacillation between enthusiastic

following and abandoning their faith dream, calls this a struggle (for them and for us) between divine invitation and human response, between great assurance and great vacillation.

And nowhere is this more evident in us than in how we vacillate vis-à-vis whether we truly believe in the central invitation of all within Christianity, that is, do we take the resurrection of Jesus seriously enough to actually redefine ourselves, redefine the meaning of life, and make it a prism through which we shape how we should be living? Do we believe strongly enough in the resurrection of Jesus to take radical, common sense-defying risks in our lives? If we truly believed Jesus was resurrected it would reshape our lives.

Most of us, I'm sure, are familiar with the famous lines from Julian of Norwich. Reflecting on what the resurrection of Jesus means for us, she says that, if it is true, if Jesus actually rose from the dead, if God actually brought a dead body out of a grave, then we have the absolute assurance (and the confidence that goes with that) to believe that *In the end, all will be well, and all will be well, and every manner of being will be well.*

Her equation is right, if the resurrection actually happened; the rest follows, the ending to our story of and that of the world itself has already been written, and we have absolute assurance that it's a happy ending.

But, do we believe it? For the majority of us, if we were as honest as David Brooks, our existential answer would, I believe, be the same as his: *it comes and it goes.* Granted, it can be humbling to admit that, but that admission can free us from denial, help us understand better some of the dynamics of faith, and

point us towards where we need to be going in terms of an ongoing conversion.

Once at a religious conference, I heard this comment from one of the keynote speakers, a woman who, like Dorothy Day, had been working with the poor on the streets for many years. She shared words to this effect: I'm a Christian and I work on the streets with the poor. Ultimately, Jesus is my reason for doing this. But I can do this work for years and never mention Jesus' name as I work because I believe God is mature enough that he doesn't demand to be the centre of our conscious attention all the time. You can guess that comment was met with some very mixed reactions.

But, at the end of the day, she's right, and what she's sharing isn't an unhealthy straddling of anything, or even exactly Brooks' or Rumi's experience of how faith works in our existential lives. *It comes and goes.* What she's sharing can help free us from some of the false guilt we feel when faith seems to have let go and we feel the earthy reality of our lives so tangibly and existentially that, for that moment, we seem not to know the secret of faith and appear to be vacillating in the face of a great assurance. It comes and it goes. Indeed. We live with a deep secret that sometimes we know, then not, and then know again.

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

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

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



For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38- 9)

Sometimes we feel very close to God. We feel happy and thankful for our many blessings. We sense God's love covering us like a warm blanket. Other times, God seems far away. We notice all that is unfair or broken in the world. We feel empty and alone. God is always close to us, whether or not we are aware of God's presence – just like we are always breathing, even when we don't notice.

Loving God, help me know that you are always with me. Holy Spirit, pray with me!
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When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.'

But they answered 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining; twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

THE GIFT THAT WAS ENOUGH

There is a story told about a small coastal town that decided to rebuild an old community garden that had been neglected for many years. The garden had once been a place where people gathered, shared food and connected with one another, but over time the weeds had taken over and fewer people noticed it. A local group decided it was time to bring it back to life and invited the whole community to help.

On the first day, people arrived carrying different things. Some brought gardening tools, some brought plants, some brought knowledge and experience, and others simply brought their willingness to help. Among them was an older woman who arrived quietly carrying a small packet of seeds. She apologised that she did not have much to offer and said, "I know this isn't much compared to what others have brought." But she carefully planted the seeds and continued to visit the garden each week, watering them and caring for them.

Months later, the garden began to flourish. The vegetables grown there were shared with people who needed support, children learned about caring for creation, neighbours who had never spoken before became friends, and the once forgotten space became a place of life and connection. When people asked what had made the biggest difference, many pointed to the small packet of

seeds that had been planted at the beginning.

The woman smiled and said, "I thought I was bringing something small. I didn't realise what God could do with it."

The story of the loaves and fish reminds us that Jesus is not limited by what we think is too little. The miracle began with someone willing to offer what they had. The same invitation is given to each of us today. We often convince ourselves that our contribution is too small, our voice is not important enough, our time is too limited or our gifts are not significant. Yet the Gospel challenges us to stop measuring the size of our offering and start trusting the power of God working through it.

The world does not need more people waiting until they have everything perfectly organised before they make a difference. It needs people willing to offer what they already have with generosity, courage and love. A small act of kindness, a moment of encouragement, a choice to forgive, a willingness to serve or a decision to include someone who feels forgotten can become the beginning of something much bigger.

The question Jesus asks us today is not "Do you have enough?" The question is "Are you willing to share what you have?" Because when ordinary people place ordinary gifts into God's hands, extraordinary things can happen.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(3 August - 09 August)

- **Mon, 03:** St Dominic (Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:22-36)
- **Tues, 04:** St John Vianney (Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 15:1-2, 10-14)
- **Wed, 05:** Weekday, Ord Time 18 (Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28)
- **Thur, 06:** The Transfiguration of the Lord (Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Mt 17:1-9)
- **Fri, 07:** Weekday, Ord Time 18 (Nahum 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28)
- **Sat, 08:** St Mary of the Cross (1Kg 17:8-16; Col 3:12-17; Mt 6:25-34)
- **Sun 09:** 19th Sunday in Ord Time (1Kg 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22 - 33)

PASTORAL CARE

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