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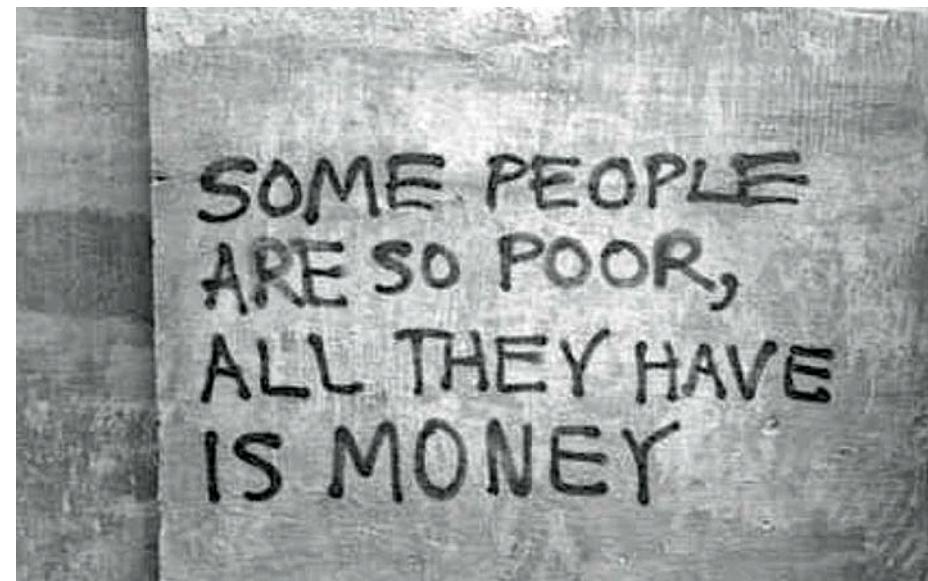
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WEEKEND MASSES
Kingscote at 9.30am

CONFESSON
Kingscote at 9.00am
(prior to Mass)

PRAYERS FOR HEALING
Prayers for Healing and Renewal in the Church - Thursdays at 9.30am.
All welcome.



FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says.
Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

89:3-6, 12-14, 17

*In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.*

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. <R>
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers; by evening it withers and fades. <R>
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. <R>

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. <R>

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

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Bulletin Board

KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

August 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.

PARISH ROSTERS

Reader	Prayers	Cleaning
03/08	H Mumford	A Clark
10/08	S Semler	L Grant
17/08	K Hammat	M Glynn
		C Brinkley

PRIEST ROSTER

03/08	Fr Lancey D'Silva
10/08	Liturgy

BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday September 21, 2025

Celebrations of significant wedding anniversaries will be held in local Parish communities again this year. All couples who are celebrating a significant year of marriage in 2025 (1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40 or 50 years or more), are invited to leave their details with the Parish Office to receive a special acknowledgement from the Archbishop.



NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

2/3 August - 9/10 August

Today, the second weekend of National Vocation Awareness Week throughout the Church in Australia, we celebrate, affirm and pray for all vocations to the Consecrated Life of Sisters, Brothers and Priests, as well as to the Diaconate and Diocesan Priesthood.

We pray that each of these unique calls be heard and responded to with great generosity of heart as we journey together during this Jubilee Year with Christ as our Anchor.

Leaving collection

There is a leaving collection today to support those studying for the Priesthood in our Archdiocese. Our seminarian, Godwin James is currently studying at the Holy Spirit Seminary in Brisbane.

Please remember him in your prayers, as well as those preparing for the Permanent Diaconate.



ASSUMPTION OF MARY

On 15 August we celebrate the Assumption of Mary.

RICH IN WHAT REALLY MATTERS

(Luke 12:13-21)

Speaking to the people, Jesus went on, "Take care! Protect yourself against the least bit of greed. Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot." (Luke 12: 15)

In this Gospel passage, someone asks Jesus to settle a family squabble about inheritance. But instead of stepping into the drama, Jesus tells a parable: a wealthy man builds bigger sheds to store his abundance, thinking he's set for life. But that very night, his life is taken – and his plans amount to nothing. "So it is," Jesus says, "with those who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich toward God."

It's a powerful reminder: what matters most isn't what we have, but how we live.

In our families, in our parishes, it's so easy to be consumed by the urgent: bills, to-do lists, planning, saving, organising. We want security for our children, for our future – and that's natural. But Jesus invites us to a deeper kind of security: one grounded in grace, generosity, and faith.

Being "rich toward God" means building lives filled with compassion, not clutter. It's the richness of time spent together around the dinner table.

The richness of prayers said with kids before bedtime. The richness of a parish community that welcomes the stranger, listens to the lonely, and opens its door wide – physically and spiritually.

Jesus doesn't say money or planning is bad. But he does ask: what are we building, and who are we building it for? If our sheds are full but our hearts are distant from God and each other, we've missed the point.

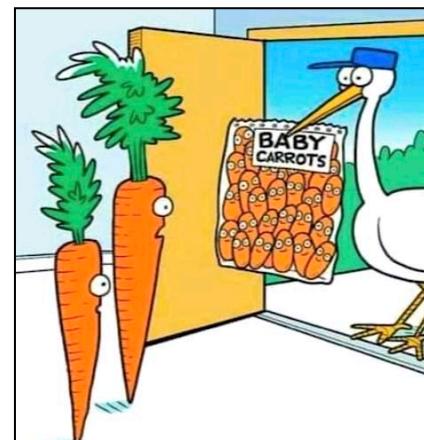
So whether you're a parent, grandparent, young person, priest, youth leader, or parish volunteer – this Gospel is for you. It's an invitation to live simply, love deeply, and invest daily in what really lasts.

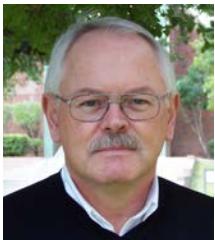
Questions for Reflection

- What "bigger sheds" are we focussed on in our homes or Parish life – are they helping us grow closer to God, or distracting us?
- How can we model a richer kind of life – one grounded in faith, generosity, and love – for the next generation?
- What would our parish or family look like if we truly prioritised being "rich toward God" in everything we do?

WHAT'S ON

10 Aug	Vocations Appeal
15 Aug	The Assumption of Mary
Sep	Catholic Charities Month
Oct	World Mission Month
19 Oct	Mission Day Appeal
26 Sep	Last day School term 3
6 Oct	Labour day holiday
13 Oct	First day School term 4
9 Nov	Supporting our Clergy Campaign
16 Nov	St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal
12 Dec	Last day School term 4
25 Dec	Catholic Charities Appeal





Ron Rolheiser column

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GOD'S NUDGE INSIDE OF US

God's presence inside us and in our world is rarely dramatic, overwhelming, sensational, impossible to ignore. God doesn't work like that. Rather God's presence is something that lies quiet and seemingly helpless inside us. It rarely makes a huge splash.

We should know that from the very way God was born into our world. Jesus, as we know, was born into our world with no fanfare and no power, a baby lying helpless in the straw, another child among millions. Nothing spectacular to human eyes surrounded his birth. Then, during his ministry, he never performed miracles to prove his divinity, but only as acts of compassion or to reveal something about God. His ministry, like his birth, wasn't an attempt to prove his divinity or prove God's existence. It was intended rather to teach us what God is like and how God loves us unconditionally.

In essence, Jesus' teaching about God's presence in our lives makes clear that this presence is mostly quiet and under the surface, a plant growing silently as we sleep, yeast leavening dough in a manner hidden from our eyes, spring slowly turning a barren tree green, an insignificant mustard plant eventually surprising us with its growth, a man or woman forgiving an enemy. God works in ways that are seemingly hidden and can be ignored by our eyes. The God that Jesus incarnates is neither dramatic nor flashy.

And there's an important lesson in this. Simply put, God lies inside us, deep inside, but in a way that is almost unfelt, often unnoticed, and can easily be ignored. However, while that presence is never overpowering, it has inside of it a gentle, unremitting imperative, a compulsion, which invites us to draw upon it. And if we do, it gushes up in us as an infinite stream that instructs, nurtures, and fills us with life and energy.

This is important for understanding how God is present inside us. God lies inside us as an invitation that always respects our freedom and never overpowers us, but also never goes away. It lies there precisely like a baby lying helpless in the straw, gently beckoning us, but helpless in itself to make us pick it up.

For example, C.S. Lewis shares this in explaining why, despite a strong affective and intellectual reluctance, he eventually became a Christian ("the most reluctant convert in the history of Christendom"). He became a believer, he says, because he was unable to ultimately ignore a quiet but persistent voice inside him which, because it was gentle and respectful of his freedom, he could ignore for a long time. But it never went away. In retrospect, he realized it had always been there as an incessant nudge, beckoning him to draw from it, a gentle unyielding imperative, a "compulsion" which, if obeyed, leads to liberation.

Ruth Burrows, the British Carmelite and mystic, describes a similar experience. In her autobiography *Before the Living God*, she tells the story of her late adolescent years and how at that time in her life she thought little about religion and faith. Yet she eventually ends up not only being serious about religion but becoming a Carmelite nun and a gifted spiritual writer. What happened?

Triggered by a series of accidental circumstances, one day she found herself in a chapel where, almost against her conscious will, she left herself open to a voice inside her which she had until then mainly ignored, precisely because it had never forced itself upon her freedom. But once touched, it gushed up as the deepest and most real thing inside her and set the direction of her life forever.

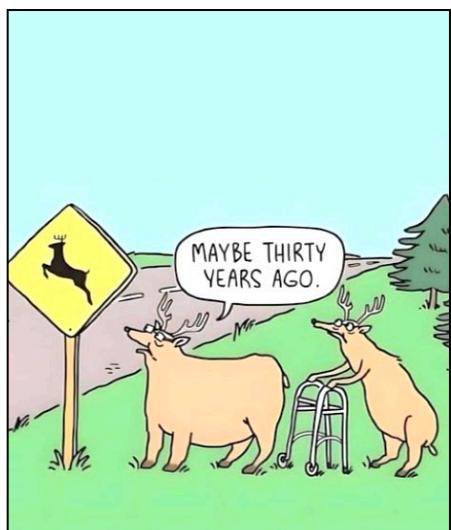
Like C.S. Lewis, she too, once she had opened herself to it, felt that voice as an unyielding moral compulsion opening her to ultimate liberation. This is true too for me. When I was

seventeen years old and graduating from high school, I had no natural desire whatsoever to become a Roman Catholic priest. But, despite a strong affective resistance, I felt a call to enter a religious order and become a Catholic priest. Despite that strong resistance inside me, I obeyed that call, that compulsion. Now, sixty years later, I look back on that decision as the clearest, most unselfish, faith-based, and life-giving decision I have ever made. I could have ignored that beckoning. I'm forever grateful I didn't.

Fredrick Buechner suggests that God is present inside us as a *subterranean presence of grace*. The grace of God is "beneath the surface; it's not right there like the brass band announcing itself, but it comes and it touches and it strikes in ways that leave us free to either not even notice it or to draw back from it."

God never tries to overwhelm us. More than anyone else, God respects our freedom. God lies everywhere, inside us and around us, almost unfelt, largely unnoticed, and easily ignored, a quiet, gentle nudge; but, if drawn upon, the ultimate stream of love and life.

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):
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.

INTEGRITY & SAFEGUARDING

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

Speaking to the people, Jesus went on, "Take care! Protect yourself against the least bit of greed. Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot." (Luke 12: 15)

Charlie had all the latest video games and a huge TV to play them on. When Charlie wasn't talking about his games and tech equipment, he talked about all the stuff he was going to get. But Charlie couldn't understand why nobody would play with him. He asked Melissa about it. "You're lucky to have so much," Melissa said. "But not everyone has as much as you, and it isn't their fault. Why not share your stuff instead of talking about it?"

Charlie took Melissa's advice. He shared his games and cheered others on as they played. Do you think kids play with Charlie now? You bet!

Jesus, show me ways I can share.
Our Father, hallowed be your name.
Amen.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

THE SHED

Marcus had always been a "fix-it" guy. He ran a successful small business, loved his tools, and was proud of the life he'd built. Behind his house stood his pride and joy: the shed. It started off as a humble space for gardening gear, but over the years, it grew. He extended it, insulated it, and filled it with the best tools money could buy. Tools for jobs he hadn't even needed yet. He'd often joke with his mates, "If the apocalypse hits, come to my shed – we'll rebuild the world from there!"

But over time, something started to shift. His teenage daughter stopped asking for help with her homework. His wife spent more evenings at her

mum's place. The neighbours – new to the street – never stayed long when he waved hello. Then one night, standing in the shed, surrounded by all his stuff, Marcus suddenly felt ... empty. He had everything he thought he needed. But something was missing.

The next day, instead of going to Bunnings again, Marcus walked across the street and introduced himself properly to his neighbours. He offered to help with a leaky tap. That weekend, he invited a few people over for a BBQ – not to show off the shed, just to connect. And bit by bit, something changed. Laughter returned to his home. His daughter opened up again. He spent less time building walls and more time opening doors.

One evening, he looked around – not at his tools, but at the people gathered in his backyard – and thought, "This is what being rich really feels like."

What's your shed? What are you building, storing, or clinging to – when maybe it's time to open the door and share life more deeply with others?

Let's be the people who don't just accumulate stuff – but who invest in love, connection, and faith. Let's be rich in what truly matters.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(04 - 10 August)

- **Monday, 04:** St John Vianney (Num 11:4-15; Mt 14:13-21)
- **Tuesday, 05:** Weekday, Ord Time 18 (Num 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36)
- **Wednesday, 06:** Transfiguration of the Lord (Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Lk 9:28-36)
- **Thursday, 07:** Weekday, Ord Time 18 (Num 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23)
- **Friday, 08:** St Mary of the Cross (1 Kg 17:8-16; Col 3:12-17; Mt 6:25-34)
- **Saturday, 09:** Weekday, Ord Time 18 (Deut 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20)
- **Sunday 10:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48)

PASTORAL CARE

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