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

CHILD PROTECTION

We are a Child Safe Organisation
which is committed to the care, well-
being and protection of children and
young people.

Mrs Helen Mumford

(KI contact - 0408 367 009)

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

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 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your
country, your family and your father's
house, for the land I will show you. I
will make you a great nation; I will
bless you and make your name so
famous that it will be used as a
blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22

*Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the
sake of the Good News, relying on
the power of God who has saved us
and called us to be holy – not because
of anything we ourselves have done
but for his own purpose and by his
own grace. This grace had already
been granted to us, in Christ Jesus,
before the beginning of time, but it
has only been revealed by the

Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus.
He abolished death, and he has
proclaimed life and immortality
through the Good News.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17:5

*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

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James
and his brother John and led them up
a high mountain where they could be
alone. There in their presence he was
transfigured: his face shone like the
sun and his clothes became as white
as the light. Suddenly Moses and
Elijah appeared to them; they were
talking with him. Then Peter spoke to
Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful
for us to be here; if you wish, I will
make three tents here, one for you,
one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He
was still speaking when suddenly a
bright cloud covered them with
shadow, and from the cloud there
came a voice which said, 'This is my
Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my
favour. Listen to him.'

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Stephanie Langridge, Carmen Northcott, Joella Davidson

March anniversaries:

Peter Beinke, Kieren Berden, Ellen Clarke, Peter Clark, Ellen Denholm, Inez Frawley, Kathleen Gannon, Archbishop Gleeson, Alec Grant, Keith Hornby, Gladys Leurn, 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 ... and all the faithful departed.

PARISH ROSTERS

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
5/3	K Hammat	M Slagter	C Berden
12/3	M Glynn	W Bennett	A Bevan
19/3	M Slagter	A Gibbs	A Bevan
27/3	K Hammat	A Clark	K Brinkley

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)
5/3 Fr Matthew Newman

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:
BSB 085 005
A/c No 585353994
Reference: K Island or 765

2nd Collection:
BSB 085 005
A/c No 918111484
Reference: Your name

PROJECT COMPASSION



Teresa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave

school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Teresa's only

concern was finding stability for her children.

Seeking a better future for her family, Teresa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Teresa access housing and psychological support. Today, Teresa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community.

Teresa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or phone 1800 024 413.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Fr Antoni will conduct an in-service training for all those who wish to remain Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Anyone wishing to volunteer for this ministry is invited to attend. A current police check is mandatory for all Church volunteers and those seeking such a check can apply to Maureen Slagter in the first instance.

The training will be conducted after Mass on 26 March for approximately half an hour.

DATES

13 Mar	Adelaide Cup Day
17 Mar	St Patrick's Day
14 Apr	Last day School term 1
6 Apr	Thursday of Lord's supper
7 Apr	Good Friday
8 Apr	Holy Saturday
9 Apr	Easter Sunday
10 Apr	Easter Monday
21 Apr	Marian Procession
25 Apr	ANZAC Day
1 May	First day School term 2
12 Jun	King's birthday
7 Jul	Last day School term 2
24 Jul	First day School term 3
29 Sep	Last day School term 3
2 Oct	Labour Day
16 Oct	First day School term 4
15 Dec	Last day School term 4



ATTUNING TO GOD

Becoming familiar with your instrument

Learn how to recognise God's spirit moving in your heart and body, so that you can make godly decisions

PRESENTED by: Fr Iain Radvan

WHEN: Saturday, 1 April 10 - 4.00pm with a lunch break

WHERE: Paul and Wendy's - 4 Brownlow Road, Kingscote

WHAT to bring: a journal, something to share for lunch

COST: Nil

HOW to book: phone or email Wendy (0475 894 755 or wendybennett@bigpond.com)





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

A REQUIEM FOR AN OLDER BROTHER

Several weeks ago my older brother George died. His death was somewhat of a shock since he had been in relatively good health until a week before he died. His story is worth telling. No community, Mircea Eliade once said, should botch its deaths.

Although highly intelligent and motivated, George never got the chance for higher education. Our family was large and living on a small farm that could not support us. He, like other older members of our family, ended his schooling early to enter the work force to help support the family. In this, he was not unique. In the second-generation immigrant community where we grew up, a lot of his generation, both men and women, had to do the same. His story, like many others like him, was one within which he had to renounce his own dreams for the good of others.

His story is a story of dedication to faith, to family, to church, and to community. For the most part, he was conscripted by circumstance. Although he was very bright, perhaps the brightest in our family, circumstances dictated that he leave school after the eighth grade to help support the family. Consequently, he never really had a chance to do what he wanted in life, both in terms of a career and in terms of getting married and having a family; and for him the great sacrifice wasn't career, but marriage.

George was never meant to be life-long bachelor, but his life and commitments never quite allowed for marriage and led instead to a life of celibacy (in much the same way as this plays out for a priest or a vowed religious). Nevertheless, as for a vowed celibate, in the end, it served him well. He ended up with a

very large family, that is, with people from all over the world considering him their brother, their mentor, their trusted friend. Since his death, there has been a flood of letters, emails, texts, phone calls, and messages from people everywhere expressing what George meant to them. He died celibate, but he died a loved man.

However, all of this came at a price. Those of us who were privy to his private frustrations, know the price his soul paid for his dedication. He needed, at times, simply to vent at a safe place vis-à-vis the frustrations and tensions he was carrying, times when he couldn't fully emulate the patience and selflessness of Jesus. However, he always expressed his frustrations at a safe place, where his venting couldn't hurt anybody. He was always bigger than his frustrations. The deepest part of him was always gracious and laced with humor. He brought laughter into every room he entered.

Moreover, he was a man of faith and of the church. The church was an integral part of what he thought of as family and he gave himself over fully, both to the little rural faith community within which he lived and to the larger church. For more than twenty years he helped lead a Lay Formation program and assisted in the youth ministry in his home diocese. The dedication and talent he brought to those programs were recognized by many. Indeed, at one point the local bishop came up to him and said, "George, I have only question for you, do I ordain you now or do you want to go to the seminary for a few years first?" Ministry as a priest would have been a dream come true for him, but those of us who knew him also know why he turned down that invitation. He still had some commitments inside of family and community that he felt he could not abandon. That choice might be questioned; but again, it was made out of dedication and

selflessness, putting the needs of others before his own.

In the Gospel of John, the author describes how, after Jesus was already dead, soldiers came and pierced his side with a lance and "immediately blood and water flowed" out of his dead body. An interesting image! Life flowing out of a dead body! After Jesus died, his followers felt themselves nourished by him in an even deeper way than during his life. From the spirit he left behind, they sensed a rich outpouring of life and cleansing.

George also left behind that kind of a spirit. Everyone who knew him will continue to drink from his spirit – his selflessness, his sacrificing his dreams for family and church, and his willingness to carry frustration and tension for the sake of others. Not least, we will be nourished by his humor and the lightness he brought into a room, a quality that manifested both his intelligence and his zest for life.

He lived a good life. He died a loved man. He will be remembered fondly by a large family – for whom he sacrificed his own chance for marriage and having a family of his own.

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



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

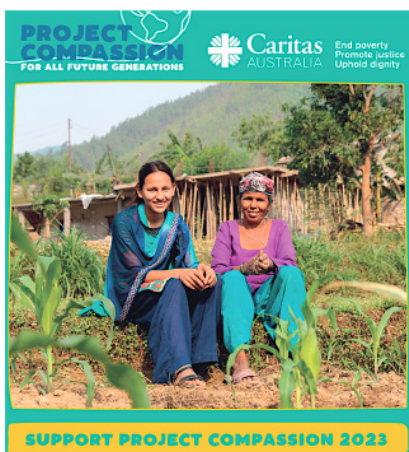
(Current from 02/03/23)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is strongly recommended.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

DID YOU KNOW?

- This event is known as ‘the transfiguration’.
- Moses was a great figure who represented the law for Israel. Elijah represented the prophets. Readings from the law and the prophets made up the Scriptures of Israel. Here Matthew shows Jesus in conversation with them; thus Jesus is in harmony with everything revealed in Judaism.
- The voice from heaven here echoes the words that were used at the baptism of Jesus.
- Traditionally, this scene of the transfiguration is associated with Mount Tabor, which rises out of the Plain of Esdraelon.



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When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. ‘Stand up,’ he said ‘do not be afraid.’ And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, ‘Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.’

DIVINE DESIGN

(Matthew 17: 1 - 9)

Jesus was changed before their eyes. Have you ever seen a transfiguration? Have you ever seen a simple thing become a holy thing, like bread become sacred flesh? Have you ever seen a plain face become a radiant beauty when seen through the eyes of love? Have you ever seen a timid person become a lion when circumstances required strength beyond fear? Transfiguration is not an isolated incident, a one-time deal in salvation history. Transfigurations happen around us in surprising places, for those who have eyes to see.

Sitting with my dying friend for many weeks, I watched how a weakened body can become a temple of great holiness. The spiritual strength of a failing mortal life was so much stronger than the physical vigour he once displayed. Before his illness, he scaled mountains for pleasure. In his last illness, he ascended to spiritual heights that astonished me with their breathtaking vistas. Once, he saw the view from the peaks of the Sierras, and hoped to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. Now, his vision is on higher places, and the things he sees are lovelier than all of earth’s delights. This is transfiguration, as surely as what Peter, James and John saw on that fateful day.

PREPARE FOR THE LIGHT OF LOVE

Most people can pinpoint the moment when the attraction they felt for someone turned to love. It usually has to do with seeing the person in a new light. As one man described it, “One night I watched as a woman who had been my good friend for

many years gently stroked her dying mother’s forehead. I was struck by the sheer tenderness and beauty of the act. I knew then that my feelings for this woman were forever changed”.

Whether it is a simple act of kindness or a bold or courageous gesture, something happens that brings the person’s true character into relief, and the enlightenment leads to love.

Jesus’ Transfiguration is one of those moments of light – a luminous mystery – as Pope John Paul II termed it, in which Jesus is glorified – transfigured – before the eyes of his chosen disciples. They see with utter clarity who Jesus truly is: The son of the living God, and they are filled with awe and a new level of love. Their lives are changed forever.

We cannot command enlightenment any more than we can force ourselves to fall in love. But we can be attentive as we walk with others. The more we notice the small details about our neighbours and God, the more likely we’ll be awake when the big reveal takes place and we can see these people for who they truly are: Beings worthy of our unconditional love.

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THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(09 - 15 March)

- **Monday, 09:** Monday, 2nd week Lent (Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38)
- **Tuesday, 10:** Tuesday, 2nd week Lent (Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Wednesday, 11:** Wednesday, 2nd week Lent (Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28)
- **Thursday, 12:** Thursday, 2nd week Lent (Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31)
- **Friday, 13:** Friday, 2nd week Lent - (Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)
- **Saturday, 14:** Saturday, 2nd week Lent (Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)
- **Sunday 15:** THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42)

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