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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

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, ‘Do you see, son of man?’ He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, ‘This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 45:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

1. God is for us a refuge and strength, a helper close at hand, in time of distress, so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. <R>
2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within, it cannot be shaken; God will help it at the dawning of the day. <R>
3. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Come, consider the works of the Lord, the redoubtable deeds God has done on the earth <R>

SECOND READING

Romans 5:5-11

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn't you realise that you were
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Bulletin Board

KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

November anniversaries: Jim Airton, Francis E Bannan, Vic Banner, Clorice Bates, Toni Berden, Leon Bourke, Imogen Brinkley, Harold Burgess, Donald Chalmers, Tim Clark, Evelyn Drane, Roy Gaton, John and Dien Hendrix, Carmel Higgins, Agnes Hughes, Margaret Hughes, Peggy Imboden, Andrew Kelly, Thomas Lydon, John McDonald, Colleen Moore, Roger Pahl, Teresa Paniza, Sam Perkins, Roy Rayson, Helen Redden, Patricia Ross, Harold Semler, Marie Slagter, Pat Smith, Graham Turner, Gwen Willson

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
09/11	W Bennett	TBA
16/11	K Hammat	M Glynn
23/11	S Semler	TBA
30/11	P Clark	W Bennett
		C Brinkley

PRIEST ROSTER

09/11	Liturgy
16/11	Fr Francis Showri
23/11	TBA
30/11	Vicar General Fr Dean Marin, Fr Lancy D'Silva



Sunday 30 November

Confirmation and First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 9.30am Mass at the Kigscote Catholic Church. Presiding priests will be Vicar General Fr Dean Marin and Fr Lancy D'Silva.

Please pray for Winston and Ben as step by step they move towards completing their initiation into the Catholic faith community.

There will be a shared lunch after Church at the RYOB hall. You are most welcome to join the children and their families in the celebration.

FIRST COLLECTION RENEWAL CAMPAIGN

This weekend at all Masses, a brief talk will be given as part of the 'First Collection Renewal Campaign'.

The First Collection at weekend Masses is the main means of financially supporting our Clergy, including Deacons and Retired Priests, through the Diocesan Presbytery Fund.

The Fund covers the ever-increasing cost of stipends, medical benefits, motor vehicles, and ongoing formation.

Currently, income from the Fund is covering about 70% of costs. Addressing this shortfall is crucial to ensuring we can continue to care for the evolving needs of our Archdiocesan Clergy.

When you leave Mass this weekend, please take home a fridge magnet that outlines how you can contribute - either through the First Collection at Mass or via the 'Good Giving' app and website.



Kingscote Community Carols will be sung at The Pavilion on Friday 12 December. If you wish to join the Community Choir please attend the rehearsals to be held at St Alban's Hall, Cnr Drew and Osmond Streets at 4.45pm on Fridays from November 9.

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD FORMATION

Sessions Available Online

All are invited to prepare for the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod by engaging with the online Synod Formation Series featuring experts and guest presenters from across the globe.

Each online session includes a video presentation, reflection worksheet, and links to additional resources and study materials on a variety of topics.

To access the Synod Formation Series

and information on upcoming sessions, visit www.togetherontheway.au/formation-sessions or contact Peter Bierer (pbierer@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special leaving collection this weekend for the *Supporting our Clergy Campaign*.

A day to value and support our Priests and Deacons serving in the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

reminds us that the Church isn't just a building in Rome. It's a living sign of who we are together: God's people, the living Church. Every time we gather as a family, as a parish, or even around the dinner table, we become part of that same sacred story.

The truth is, God's temple is not just in church, it's in us. Our families, our friendships, and our homes are all places where God wants to dwell. The Lateran Basilica stands as a reminder that holiness doesn't belong to marble and stone, but to living hearts that make room for God.

So today, as we celebrate this feast, let's ask ourselves: Are we building homes where faith is visible, love is tangible, and God feels at home?

WHAT'S ON

- 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

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

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

At a conference which I attended, a psychiatrist shared this story. A woman came to see him in considerable distress. Her anguish had to do with her last conversation with her husband before he died. She shared how they had enjoyed a good marriage for more than thirty years, with never more than a minor quarrel between them. Then one morning they had a quarrel over some trivial thing (she couldn't even remember the substance). Their argument had ended in anger, and he had stomped out the door to go to work – to die of a heart attack that day, before they had a chance to talk again.

What awful luck! Thirty years without an incident of this kind and now this, anger in their last words to each other! The psychologist first, humorously, assured her that the fault all lay on her husband, in his choosing to die at that unfortunate moment, leaving her with that guilt!

More seriously, he asked her, "if your husband was here right now, what would you say to him?" She answered that she would assure him that after all their years together this little incident meant nothing, that their love for each other utterly dwarfed that mini moment. He assured her that her husband was still alive in the communion of saints and was with them right now. Then he said to her, "why don't you sit in this chair and tell him what you just shared, that your faithful love for each other completely obliterates your last conversation. Indeed, share a laugh over its irony." Fanciful thinking? No.

As Christians we have a doctrine which asks us to believe that we are still in live, conscious contact with those who have died. This doctrine, *The Communion of Saints*, is enshrined in our creeds and is celebrated explicitly on two days each year, *All Saints* and *All Souls* Days.

Among other things, this doctrine

invites us to pray for the dead. Not surprisingly, some people balk at this, protesting that God doesn't need to be reminded to be merciful and forgiving. They are right. However, in the end that is not the reason we pray for our deceased loved ones.

The real intent of our prayer for the dead is for us to stay in touch with them, to continue to be in a conscious communication, to maintain our relationship of love, to finish unfinished business, to apologise to them, to forgive them, to ask them to forgive us, to remain mindful of the special oxygen they breathed into the planet during their lives, and to occasionally share a celebratory glass of wine with them.

Thus, among other things, our belief in the communion of saints gives us a second chance, and that is a much-needed consolation. No matter who we are, we are all inadequate in our relationships. We can't always be present to our loved ones as we should; we sometimes say things in anger and bitterness that leave deep scars; we betray trust in all kinds of ways; and mostly we lack the maturity and self-confidence to express the affirmation we should be conveying to our loved ones. None of us ever fully measures up.

At the end of the day, all of us lose some loved ones in ways similar to how that woman lost her husband, with unfinished business, with bad timing. There are always words that should have been said and weren't said, and there are always things that shouldn't have been said and were said.

But that's where our faith comes in. Indeed, we aren't the first ones to come up short. At the time of Jesus' arrest, trial, and death, virtually all his disciples had deserted. The timing here was also bad. Good Friday was bad long before it was good. But, and this is the point, as Christians, we don't believe there will always be happy endings in this life, nor that we will always be adequate in life. Rather, we believe

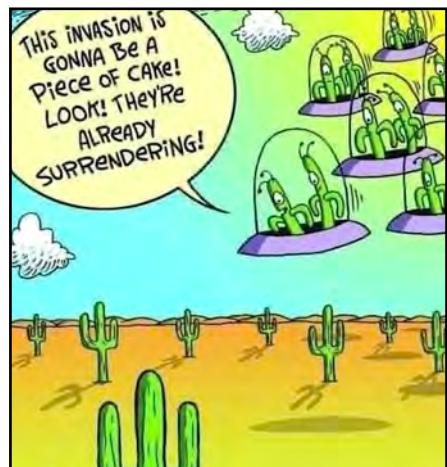
that the fullness of life and happiness will come to us through the redemption of what has gone wrong, not least with what has gone wrong because of our own inadequacy and weakness.

G.K. Chesterton once said that Christianity is special because in its belief in the communion of saints, even the dead get a vote. They get more than a vote. They still get to hear what we're saying to them.

So, if you've lost a loved one in a situation where there was still something unresolved, where there was still a tension that needed easing, where you should have been more attentive or where you feel badly because you never adequately expressed the affirmation and affection that you might have, know it's not too late. It can still be done!

And, in having that make-up conversation, don't be afraid to share a laugh about how the inadequacy of our human situation has the devilish habit of fudging our best intentions.

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 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 safeguarding Organisation which is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and adults at risk. 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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... stop making my Father's house a marketplace. (John 2:16)

Jesus says to treat holy places reverently. Today, we remember that the Emperor Constantine donated his own place to become the Basilica of Saint John Lateran in Rome. Constantine's mother, Saint Helen, also gave the Church a treasure. Right next door to the Basilica are the Holy Stairs. These steps are said to be the same ones Jesus climbed on the way to his trial before the governor, Pontius Pilate. According to Church tradition, Saint Helen brought this entire staircase from Jerusalem to Rome many centuries ago. To this day, people remember Jesus' suffering as they climb these stairs on their knees. They pray with these words: Jesus, you are King of Kings.

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God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Chr 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

MAKING SPACE

It was the Monday after a busy weekend at Saint Mary's School. Ms Rivera, a teacher known for her creative lessons, stepped into her classroom and immediately felt overwhelmed. Desks were cluttered with half-finished art projects, backpacks overflowed, and sticky notes with reminders covered every surface. Even the prayer corner, usually a calm, sacred spot, was buried under worksheets and lunchboxes. She sighed. "How did it get like this so fast?" she whispered.

Across town, the Nguyen family was having a similar experience. Between soccer practice, music lessons, work calls, and homework, the dinner table had become more of a storage space

than a place to connect. Mum tried to start a prayer before dinner, but it was drowned out by notifications and chatter. Even the small prayer space in the corner felt forgotten, buried under mail and school papers.

That evening, both Ms. Rivera and the Nguyen family reflected on Jesus in the Temple, clearing out the chaos to make room for what truly mattered. And they realised something important. It wasn't about blame or perfection. It was about space. Space for God. Space for connection. Space for the things that count.

The next day, Ms. Rivera asked her students to help "clear the clutter." They organised supplies, set up the prayer corner, and created a small wall of gratitude. By the end of the morning, the room felt lighter, calmer, and more alive.

At home, the Nguyen family cleared the table, lit a candle, and shared one thing they were grateful for. Phones were put aside. Laughter returned. And their small prayer space was cleaned and adorned with fresh flowers. For the first time in weeks, they felt God's presence again.

Jesus' actions in the Temple remind us that holiness isn't about perfection. It's about courage. Courage to see what distracts us, clear it out, and make space for what matters. Whether in classrooms, homes, or parish life, God is asking us to create living spaces where faith, love, and presence can flourish. Clutter becomes clarity, noise becomes presence, and ordinary spaces become sacred.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(10 - 16 November)

- **Monday, 10:** St Leo the Great (Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6)
- **Tuesday, 11:** St Martin of Tours (Wis 2:23 - 3:9; Lk 17:7-10)
- **Wednesday, 12:** St Josaphat (Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19)
- **Thursday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 32 (Wis 7:22 - 8:1; Lk 17:20-25)
- **Friday, 14:** Weekday, Ord Time 32 (Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37)
- **Saturday, 15:** Weekday, Ord Time 32 (Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8)
- **Sunday 16:** 33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Mal 3:19-20; Lk 21:5-19)

PASTORAL CARE

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