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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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Resources and Fact Sheets
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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

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14

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

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R)

3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R)

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 129:5

*Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side

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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 09 Fr Roman Palma
Aug 16 Fr Roman Palma
Aug 23 Fr Vincent Wijesuriya



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.

MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

If you or someone you know is celebrating a milestone (5th, 10th, 15th, 50th, 55th, 70th etc) marriage this year, we invite you to let us know your details so they can be acknowledged by a special anniversary certificate signed by the Archbishop and celebrated at the Anniversaries Mass on the weekend of 20th and 21st of September. Please let Christine Weatherstone know by 1 September if you are interested.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Saturday, 15 August

At the core of our faith is the belief, based on the biblical accounts, that Christ experienced a bodily resurrection from the dead and ascended, while still in bodily form, to heaven. Mary was taken up (assumed) into heaven and it confirms that this extraordinary reversal of death is not limited to Christ. If Mary can end up in heaven, body and soul, so can we who share in her humanity.

May Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, assumed into Heaven, pray for us, now and at the hour of our death. Amen!

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOUTH

Wednesday 12 August

"Young people are already leading the way as organisers and innovators. But to go further, they need access to the skills that will shape the future – from critical thinking and problem-solving to digital literacy." *United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres*

Across countries and communities, young people seek dignity, opportunity, meaningful participation, decent work, quality education and a sustainable future.

May God bless all our young people and those who support them, with joy and hope at this difficult time for the world.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST *For Mutual Co- existence*

Let us pray that societies, where coexistence seems more difficult, might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.



VOCATIONS APPEAL

(to be taken up this weekend)

Supporting the education and formation over several years of two men who are seeking to serve the people of the Archdiocese of Adelaide as Priests and Deacons.

THIS WEEK

This week, choose faith over fear. Put down the distractions that pull your attention away from what matters and take one practical step towards hope. Reach out to someone who is struggling, offer encouragement where it is needed and be a visible sign that God's love is still present in the middle of every storm. *GPBS*

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 Appeal
11 Dec School term 4 ends
25 Dec Christmas Day

MASS ROSTERS

Date	Readers/Prayers	Special Ministers	Cleaners
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

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

WHEN THE BLOOM HAS LEFT THE ROSE

There's a difference between being in bloom and being fruitful. Take a flower for example.

It begins as a wee bud, hardly noticeable, and eventually in full bloom grows into a beautiful flower. In full bloom it's very noticeable. This is its optimal moment of beauty, of being admired, of glory. But this isn't its final purpose nor indeed its fully mature moment. At this point it is not yet fully fruitful, albeit it's bloom is beautiful, and is giving something special to the world. But it only becomes fully fruitful later, when its bloom has withered as it is dying. That's when the flower gives off its seed and spreads its seeds for new life.

There's a life lesson in this which we struggle to understand and accept. We understand the bloom, but not the withering. We accept the bloom, but not the withering. We find it almost impossible to believe that our most life-giving moments might come after the bloom, in the withering of the bloom.

We can see the primal example of this in Jesus. During the peak of his ministry when he is very popular, doing miracles, drawing crowds of thousands, and people are pressing round just to touch him, his ministry is in full bloom. He is fruitful and is already giving life to others, but not nearly in as deep a way as when his ministry withers, when the crowds abandon him, when he is humiliated and scorned in his passion, and when he dies helpless, abandoned by most everyone.

Like a flower, in his dying he spread the seeds for new life in a deeper way than he could when, metaphorically, he was in full bloom.

The renowned mystic John of the

Cross employs this metaphor at the heart of his spirituality. He writes: *"The deepest centre of an object we take to signify the furthest point attainable by that object's being and power and operation and movement."* For him, unlike how we normally conceive of this, our deepest centre is not the virgin spot inside our heart and soul. No. For John of the Cross our deepest centre is the furthest point of natural growth (aided by grace) that anything or anybody can reach in this life.

For a flower, as we saw, this is not its bloom, rather it's when the flower gives off its seed in its withering. The same is true for us as humans; our deepest centre is not our bloom, namely, the beauty and energy of our youth. Rather, our deepest centre is the fullest maturity our soul can attain in this life, and normally we reach this sometime after our physical bloom has begun to wither. This may sound somewhat morbid, but viewed in a deeper way, it's anything but that. Allow me an example:

Take our normal human sexual development. What's its deepest centre?

Its deepest centre is not its bloom, namely, that time in our lives when our bodies are most attractive and our desire for sexual intercourse is the strongest. Nor is it even after we have given birth to new life through sexual union, albeit that is a wonderful fruitfulness and one of the ultimate intentions of God and nature in creating us as sexual beings. That's a deep centre though not sexuality's deepest centre.

It is not good for the man to be alone! Our sexuality is meant to take us beyond our aloneness. Thus, our sexuality relentlessly drives us outward, beyond ourselves, towards community of life with others. But

aloneness is not easy to overcome. We can be very lonely, even while having sex. As a married colleague once shared with me: "What's lonelier than sleeping alone? Sleeping alone when you're not sleeping alone." Also, when we are still developing in our sexuality, sexuality's spontaneous urge is to possess beauty rather than admire it – and this still leaves us alone.

What takes us beyond our aloneness? Standing before beauty and giving it the pure gaze of admiration. At that moment our ego no longer separates us from union with others, and for that moment we are no longer alone. We have reached our deepest centre.

Our deepest centre as a sexual person is when we can look at someone else (for example, a child or a grandchild) and give him or her the pure gaze of admiration. It is when we can look at energy and beauty in full bloom and admire and bless them by seeing them as God saw creation at its origins: *It's good! It's very good!* In the gaze of admiration, we bless creation in the same manner as God blessed Jesus at his baptism with the words: *"This is my beloved child in whom I take delight!"*

When we are in full bloom we are admired; but we only fully overcome our aloneness when we stand in admiration of the energy and beauty of others and of creation and spontaneously utter words of blessing.

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.

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



Truth shall spring from the earth ... (Psalm 85:12)

Perhaps you have heard of the geyser named Old Faithful in Yellowstone National Park in the United States. A geyser is an eruption of steam and hot water from inside the earth. We heard in today's Psalm that "truth shall spring from the earth," much like water and air springs forth from Old Faithful. This could be a good image to think about when you think about spreading the Good News with others. You could be a living geyser sharing God's love and the Good News of the Gospel with everyone around you. Can you share the message of God's love with someone today?

Come, Holy Spirit, giver of truth!
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while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

THE LIGHTHOUSE IN THE STORM

A young sailor once asked an experienced captain, "How do you stay calm when the waves are bigger than the boat?"

The captain smiled and replied, "I don't pretend the storm is small. I remember that the storm is not the only thing that is there."

The young sailor did not understand. "But when the wind is loud and the waves are high, how can you think about anything else?"

The captain pointed towards the distant shore, where a lighthouse stood shining through the darkness. "Because I know where I am heading. The light does not remove the storm, but it reminds me that I am not lost."

In Matthew's Gospel, Peter steps out of the boat and walks towards Jesus across the water. For a moment, he does the impossible. He trusts, he takes courage and he moves beyond

what seems safe. But then he notices the wind and the waves. Fear takes over, and he begins to sink.

Like Peter, we all have moments when the storms become louder than the hope within us. We become focused on the problems, the pressure and the uncertainty around us, and we forget to look towards the One who is already reaching out.

The invitation of Jesus is not to deny the storms of life. It is to remember that the storm does not have the final word. We are called to keep moving forward with courage, knowing that even when our confidence wavers, God's hand is still reaching for us.

The challenge for each of us is simple but powerful: What has become louder than our faith? What waves are distracting us from where we are called to go? And how might we become a source of light and hope for someone else who feels overwhelmed by the storm?

Because sometimes the greatest act of faith is not walking on water. It is taking the next step, trusting that we are not walking alone.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS (10 - 16 August)

- **Monday, 10:** St Lawrence (2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26)
- **Tuesday, 11:** St Clare (Ezek 2:8-3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14)
- **Wednesday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Ezek 9:1-7, 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20)
- **Thursday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Ezek 12:1-12; Mt 18:21-19:1)
- **Friday, 14:** St Maximilian Mary Kolbe (Ezek 16:1-15, 60, 63; Mt 19:3-12)
- **Saturday, 15:** The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Rev 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56)
- **Sunday 16:** 20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28)

PASTORAL CARE

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