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WEEKEND MASSES

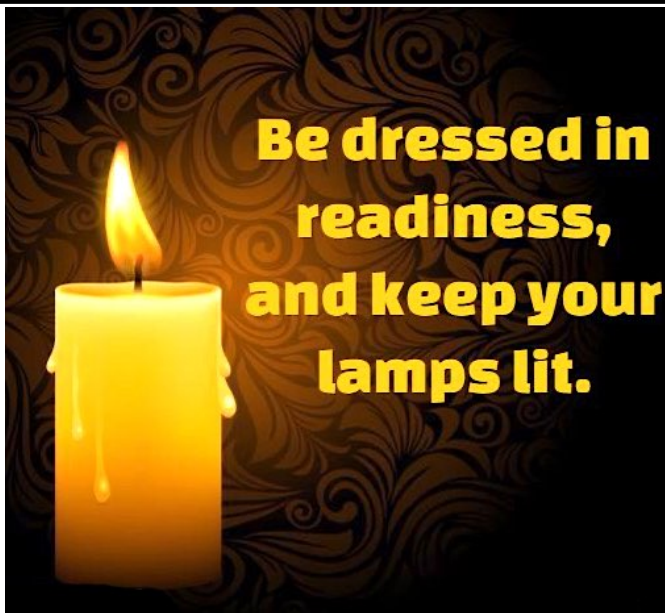
Kingscote at 9.30am

CONFESSION

Kingscote at 9.00am
(prior to Mass)

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

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



**Be dressed in
readiness,
and keep your
lamps lit.**

FIRST READING

Wisdom 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our
ancestors, so that, once they saw what
kind of oaths they had put their trust
in, they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your
people, the saving of the virtuous and
the ruin of their enemies; for by the
same act with which you took
vengeance on our foes you made us
glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men
offered sacrifice in secret and this
divine pact they struck with one
accord: that the saints would share the
same blessings and dangers alike; and
forthwith they had begun to chant the
hymns of the fathers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:1,12,18-20,22

*Happy the people the Lord has chosen
to be his own.*

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O
you just; for praise is fitting for
loyal hearts. They are happy,
whose God is the Lord, the
people he has chosen as his own.
<R>
2. The Lord looks on those who
revere him, on those who hope in
his love, to rescue their souls
from death, to keep them alive in
famine. <R>

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our
shield. May your love be upon us,
O Lord, as we place all our hope
in you. <R>

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Only faith can guarantee the blessings
that we hope for, or prove the
existence of the realities that at
present remain unseen. It was for faith
that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed
the call to set out for a country that
was the inheritance given to him and
his descendants, and that he set out
without knowing where he was going.
By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in
the Promised Land, and lived there as
if in a strange country, with Isaac and
Jacob, who were heirs with him of the
same promise. They lived there in
tents while he looked forward to a city
founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in
spite of being past the age, was made
able to conceive, because she believed
that he who had made the promise
would be faithful to it. Because of
this, there came from one man, and
one who was already as good as dead
himself, more descendants than could
be counted, as many as the stars of
heaven or the grains of sand on the
seashore.

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Bulletin Board

KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Sue Semler, Brianna Chudlee, Peter Weatherstone, Annette Roostenburg, Michelle Glynn, Rebecca Semler, Chris Heath, Simon Laundry, 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 Roostenberg.

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
10/08	S Semler	L Grant	C Brinkley
17/08	K Hammat	M Glynn	C Brinkley
24/08	S Semler	L Grant	A Clark
31/08	P Clark	W Bennett	A Clark

PRIEST ROSTER

10/08	Liturgy
17/08	Liturgy
24/08	Fr Lancey D'Silva

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.

THE BACKPACK AND THE TREASURE

Angus was in Year 10 and, by most standards, had a good life. He went to a Catholic school, lived near the beach in a small town outside Newcastle, and had the latest iPhone, decent mates, and a part-time job at the local servo.

But lately, something had started to bother him. It wasn't anything dramatic. Just a nagging feeling he couldn't shake – especially after Tuesday RE classes of Sunday Mass, when he'd hear words like kingdom, treasure, be ready. What did that mean for someone like him?

One day, his RE teacher, Mrs Ardern, read out a Gospel passage: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

"Alright," Mrs. Ardern said, "here's the challenge: what are you really carrying around in your 'backpack'? Not just your books and gear, but your values. What matters most to you? And – what would it take to pack differently?"

The question stuck.

Later that week, Angus was scrolling through his feed when he saw a post from his cousin Ellie, who was volunteering with a mobile food van in the city. He messaged her. "Is that legit? I wouldn't mind giving that a go." She replied: "Come Saturday night. Bring nothing except a good attitude and maybe a warm hoodie."

So he went. For three hours, Angus handed out hot drinks and sandwiches to people sleeping rough. He listened. Laughed. Made eye contact. He even gave his hoodie to a man who was shivering. On the bus home, something felt different. Not guilt, not pity – just clarity. Like his "backpack" had been repacked with something better.

The following Monday, he told Mrs. Ardern about it.

"You're onto something, Angus," she

said. "This is what Jesus meant. Staying ready doesn't mean looking busy – it means living awake. Seeing people. Choosing love. That's real treasure."

That night, Angus took a sticky note and wrote one word on it: Treasure? He stuck it on the back of his bedroom door – so every day when he left the house, he'd have to ask himself: Where's your treasure today? Where's your heart?

What's in your backpack right now? What might you need to take out – or add – to live more awake, more ready, more like Jesus.

Be on your toes

We are ready to help the very old and the very young, and we are ready to receive the help that we are offered.

We are ready to confront the powerful, call out the evasive, and listen to the words that call us to reflect and to question.

We are ready to speak of our Christian faith and we are ready to listen to the truth that comes to us through the Buddhist, Jewish, and Muslim faith traditions.

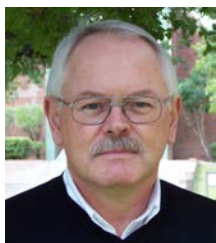
Be ready for the unexpected. Be ready for a blessing. Go in peace.

GPBS eNews

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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LOSING OUR INNOCENCE

What is innocence?

Perhaps in its ideal form, innocence might be described as a human heart stripped of ego and lust, something akin to what James Joyce describes in *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* when his hero, young Steven, sees a half-naked girl on a beach and instead of being moved by sexual desire is moved only by an overwhelming wonder and admiration.

More practically, the late Allan Bloom, in *The Closing of the American Mind*, suggests that, in the end, innocence is chastity, and that chastity is more than a sexual concept. For Bloom, there needs to be a “chastity” in all our experiencing, that is, we need to experience things only if and only when we can experience them in such a way that we remain integrated. Simply put, we lose our innocence when we experience anything in a way that “unglues” us in that it breaks down our wholeness in some way. And we can become unglued in many ways: moral, psychological, emotional, spiritual, and physical.

Bloom suggests that today most of us lack chastity and are already somewhat unglued. This, he suggests, manifests itself not first of all in the spiralling rates of emotional breakdown or drug and alcohol abuse, but, more commonly, in a certain deadness of soul that leaves us (in his words) “erotically lame”, without fire in our eyes, and without much in the way of the sublime in our hearts and in our dreams.

Moreover, adult innocence needs to be distinguished from the natural innocence of a child. For an adult, innocence no longer should be naïveté. It needs to be something that might aptly be called *second naïveté* or post-sophistication. There is a huge distinction between childishness, the spontaneous innocence of a child which is partly

predicated on lack of experience and naïveté, and childlikeness, the post-sophistication of an informed, experienced adult who again has taken on the wonder of a child.

How did Jesus define innocence? He pointed at two things: the heart of a child and the heart of a virgin. Unless you have the heart of a child you will not enter the kingdom of heaven, and the Kingdom of heaven can be compared to ten virgins waiting for their bridegroom.

For Jesus, the heart of a child is one that is fresh, receptive, full of wonder, and which does not yet contain the hardness and cynicism that calcify inside us because of wound or sin. And for him, the heart of a virgin is one that can live in patience in the face of in-consummation without demanding the finished symphony, knowing that, as a child, many of the things that it deeply desires cannot be had just yet.

The child’s heart is one that still trusts in goodness and the virgin’s heart is one that does not test its God.

In her novel *The Stone Angel*, Margaret Laurence describes a woman, Hagar Shipley, who, one day, after overhearing a child call her an old hag, examines her face in a mirror and is surprised and horrified by what she sees. She scarcely recognises her own face. What she sees frightens her. It’s a face that has not just grown older, it’s also grown cold and lifeless, devoid of eagerness and innocence. She wonders how this could have happened because she still imagines herself as an attractive, pleasant, wholesome person. But the mirror shows her the bitter truth. She has lost the child in her, lost her innocence.

This can happen to us all, and for periods of time does happen to all of us. We must never lose our desire for innocence. That would constitute one of the deadliest sicknesses of all.

Annie Dillard once wrote: “Innocence is not the prerogative of infants and puppies, and far less of mountains and fixed stars, which have no

prerogatives at all. It is not lost to us; the world is a better place than that. Like any other of the spirit’s good gifts, it is there if you want it, free for the asking, as has been stressed by stronger words than mine. It is possible to pursue innocence as hounds pursue hares, single-mindedly, driven by a kind of love, crashing over creeks, keening and lost in fields and forests, circling, vaulting over hedges and hills, wide-eyed, giving loud tongue all unawares to the deepest, most incomprehensible longing, a root-flame in the heart, and that warbling chorus resounding back from the mountains.” These words are a poignant reminder that one of the deepest underpinnings for a healthy (and happy) life is innocence, if not its achievement, certainly its desire. Just as a healthy child longs for the experience of an adult, a healthy adult longs for the heart of a child. To lose the desire for innocence is to lose touch with one’s soul. In fact, to lose one’s desire for innocence is to lose one’s soul, and to lose entirely the desire for innocence is one of the qualities of being in hell.

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):
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Reference: Your name

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A/c No 100000067
Reference: Your name

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KIDS' CORNER

Be like servants who wait their master's return. (Luke 12:36)

Imagine that someone you love is coming from far away to visit you. You might run to the door to look out and see if they are here yet. Then you would run back into the house to do some more things to make them happy and welcome. Back and forth you would go, watching and doing things until the one you have been waiting for arrives at your door.

Well, someone you love is coming to visit you. Jesus will come again, but no one knows when. He loves to see you watching for him through prayer, doing good things for him and by the generous deeds you do for those around you.

Come, Lord Jesus!

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All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland.

That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 24:42, 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite

sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming," and sets about beating the men-servants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(11 - 17 August)

- **Monday, 11:** St Clare (Deut 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27)
- **Tuesday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Deut 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14)
- **Wednesday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Deut 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20)
- **Thursday, 14:** St Maximilian Mary Kolbe (Josh 3:7-11, 13-17; Mt 18:21 - 19:1)
- **Friday, 15:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Rev 11:19, 12:1-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56)
- **Saturday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 19 (Josh 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15)
- **Sunday 17:** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53)

PASTORAL CARE

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