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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.

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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 9.00am



FIRST READING

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 62:2-8

*My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord
my God.*

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 24:42, 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the
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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Sue Semler, Brianna Chudlee, Peter Weatherstone, John Slagter

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 Gatton, 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

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
12/11	M Glynn	M Slagter	C Berden
19/11	S Semler	P Bennett	C Berden
26/11	L Grant	P Clark	A Bevan

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

12/11 Communion liturgy

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

OUR PARISH IS A CHILD SAFE ORGANISATION

We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, wellbeing 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.

"THE SOUTHERN CROSS"

The November edition of "The Southern Cross" is available this weekend. This issue includes coverage of the Synod in Rome, the conflict in the Holy Land and the launch of the document "Drawn into the Joy of the Gospel".

The December edition of "The Southern Cross" will once again be inserted into "The Advertiser", as well as being available for free in parishes.

WALK FOR LIFE 2024

Saturday 10 February

<https://youtu.be/brBuAM12qNU>

Each year as we gather united in our resolve to stand for life our efforts are making a difference.

Our society is now questioning, members of parliament are being encouraged and many of those who have been hurt by abortion are coming forward seeking help to heal.

Your effort to join us and invite others is vital for this good work to continue. The 2024 theme is *Every Life Is A Gift*

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Over the last year, the cost-of-living crisis has become increasingly dire as prices continue to soar and inflation is at some of the highest levels we've seen since the early 1990's.

It's hitting families and other vulnerable members of our community incredibly hard. Many are experiencing poverty and struggling to keep a roof over their heads. As the crisis deepens, so does their desperation. More and more people are so desperate to survive, they just don't have the resources to think about Christmas.

How can they begin to dream of buying the little extras that make Christmas so special when they can't even afford to pay the bills?

Please donate generously to help provide much-needed relief with emergency hampers for this Christmas.

POPE TO ADDRESS COP28 CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE IN DUBAI

Pope Francis has confirmed he will attend the United Nations' COP28 climate change conference in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

The December 1 - 3 trip will mark Francis' second visit to the United Arab Emirates and will take place less than two months after the release of Laudate Deum, an 11-page letter on the environment where the Pope called for world leaders to join in collective action at the summit to stave off climate catastrophes.

While the Pope used the letter to praise the headway that has been made in annual UN climate summits, he warned that progress is not happening quickly enough and that past agreements have lacked the necessary monitoring and enforcement mechanisms.

The decision by Francis to attend COP28 is the latest in a series of moves by the Vatican in the past year to more seriously engage international deliberations on climate change.

In October 2022, the Holy See formally joined both the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change – the body that oversees the annual climate summits – and the Paris Agreement, the landmark deal where nations committed to slashing heat-trapping greenhouse gas emissions to limit average global temperature rise to "well below" 2°C and strive to hold it to 1.5°C. *Reprinted from CathNews*





Ron Rolheiser column

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LOVE BEYOND DEATH

Gilbert K. Chesterton once stated that *Christianity is the only democracy where even the dead get to vote*. In light of that, I share two stories.

A psychologist at a conference I once attended shared this story. A woman came to see him in considerable distress. Her disquiet 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 about some trivial thing (of which she couldn't even remember the substance). Their argument had ended in anger, and he had stomped out the door to go to work – and 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's part, in his choosing to die at that awkward 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 apologize and assure him that considering 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."

A second story. Recently, I met with a family whose father had died by suicide twenty years ago. Through the years, they had made peace with that, though, like most families that lose a loved one to suicide, some uncomfortable residue remained. They had long since forgiven him, forgiven themselves for any failure on their part, and forgiven God for the unfairness of a death like his. But something remained unfinished, something they felt but couldn't quite name (despite twenty years of time, despite forgiveness all round, and despite a more empathic understanding of suicide). I couldn't quite name it either, but I could suggest a remedy.

I suggested they have a ritual celebration in which they would celebrate their love for him, celebrate the gift that was his life, and work at redeeming the unfortunate manner of his death. Here's the suggestion: *Pick a day, perhaps his birthday or even the anniversary of his death. Meet as a family and have a joyous celebration, complete with champagne, wine, and balloons. Share stories about him, highlighting stories in which he was joyous, in which he was laughing, in which his spirit thrived, and in which he brought a special energy into a room. Celebrate that with food, wine, champagne, laughter, and love. He will be there with you. You are still in a communion of life with him. He is joyous now. Celebrate that with him. Lift away the twenty years of heaviness. The absence of this kind of celebration is what still lies unspoken between you and him.*

Stories like this can sound fanciful, wishful thinking, but they take their ground in solid, defined Christian doctrine, that is, they are rooted in a faith that tells us that we are in living union with each other inside the Body of Christ. As Christians, we believe (as a doctrine in our faith)

that we are in unity with each other inside a living body (an organism, not a corporation) and that this union in one body takes in all of us, both the living and the dead. We can communicate with each other, apologize to each other, make amends to each other, and celebrate each other's life and energy, even after one of us has died. As Christians, we are invited to pray for the dead. Not surprisingly, certain Christians balk at this, protesting that God doesn't need to be reminded to be merciful and forgiving. They are right, but in the end that is not the reason we pray for our deceased loved ones. Despite the stock formulae prayers we generally use which ask God to be merciful, the real intent of our prayer for the dead is for us to stay in touch, in a communication of life with them. The real intent of our prayers and ritual celebrations for the dead is to continue to be in a more deliberate communication of life with them, to finish unfinished business, to apologize 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 life, and to occasionally share a celebratory glass of wine with them.

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

FINALLY!



**SOMEONE MADE A COFFEE CUP
FOR LEFT-HANDED PEOPLE**

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 09/11/23)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at Church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.

EXPLORING THE WORD

As the public ministry of Jesus draws to a close, Matthew introduces the themes of delay and the need to be ready for the second coming of Christ. Matthew's community were living in the 'in-between' times. Christ's victory over death through his resurrection had begun a new phase in history but it was not yet complete. Completion would only come with his return in glory. We again hear the familiar imagery of the messianic banquet or wedding feast to which all are invited. But only those who live with an attitude of openness and readiness will come into the great hall. Today's parable speaks strongly of the need to live in the present with an eye to the future. We cannot live only for the 'now' with no thought for our ultimate goal, nor can we ignore the sufferings and responsibilities of the present and set our hearts only on heaven.

DID YOU KNOW?

A solemn procession from the house of the bride's father to the house of the bridegroom was an important part of the Jewish wedding ceremony. These bridesmaids are a 'guard of honour' to greet the groom on his return with his bride. Sometimes problems with the marriage contract or the unhurried exchange of gifts between families lead to long delays in their return.



In November we pray for all who have died.

May they rest in peace.

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sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps.

The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him."

At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

KEEPING VIGIL

(Matthew 25: 1 - 13)

For a few years I worked in downtown San Francisco. It's a lovely city by every standard, but it has one drawback that gives newcomers pause: it's located on an earthquake fault line. When you ask long-term residents how they cope with the idea that at any moment, without warning, their entire world could collapse under their feet, they look at you with the amusement of experience. "You get used to it," they tell you.

Most people who live on fault lines dismiss the odds. They don't have the emergency supplies on hand that local phone books recommend: enough bottled water for several days, torches, spare batteries, a transistor radio. To non-residents, this seems like madness. But consider all the things you may not be prepared for. How many people go through life without health insurance? Who prepare for divorce, disability, or unemployment? In

some ways, we all go about without oil in our lamps, like the five in the story, playing the odds that we won't come up short.

One way to be prepared for any eventuality is to ground our lives, not in fluctuating circumstances, but in Christ. Though the earth shiver and crack open beneath us someday, we won't be lost if Christ is the bedrock upon which we stand.

What is the central truth upon which your life is grounded? Will that truth support you "come hell or high water"?

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KIDS' CORNER

Do you know what integrity is? Integrity is doing the right thing all the time, even when nobody is watching. It's doing the right thing simply because it's the right thing. That's not always easy. But God sees everything. God sees when we act with integrity and when we could do better. God isn't watching just so God can catch us slipping up. God really wants us to live with integrity. And God wants to help us, especially when it's hard.

Loving God, please help me live with integrity all of my life. Amen.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(13 - 17 November)

- **Monday, 13:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6)
- **Tuesday, 14:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (Wis 2:23- 3:9; Lk 17:7-10)
- **Wednesday, 15:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (Wis 6:11; Lk 17:11-19)
- **Thursday, 16:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (Wis 7:22 - 8:1; Lk 17:20-25)
- **Friday, 17:** St Elizabeth of Hungary (Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37)
- **Saturday, 18:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 32 (Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8)
- **Sunday 19:** 33rd Sunday, Ordinary Time (Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6l; Mt 25:14-30)

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