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WEEKEND MASSES

Kingscote at 9.30am

CONFESION

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

Genesis 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he

replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 14:2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue. <R>
2. He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. <R>
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. <R>

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for
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Bulletin Board

KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

July anniversaries: Alma Adams, Eadie Adams, Sid Adams, Peg Anderson, Lill Buick, Phil Connell, John Connell, Henry Dravitzki, Leon Fahey, Paul Glynn, Joyce Grant, Mick Grant, Bill Higgins, Monica Hughes, Barry Jamieson, Judith Jeffs, Damian Howard, Leigh McDonald, Kym Moses, Cameron Muirhead, Ron Mumford, Alexander Nash, Alice O'Neill, Alice O'Driscoll, Jill Perkins, Charles Reynolds, Nora Ridge, Johnny Tully, John Walsh, Tony Walker, Robyn Williams.

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
20/07 M Slagter	L Grant	C Brinkley
27/07 P Bennett	K Hammat	C Brinkley
03/08 H Mumford	A Clark	C Brinkley
10/08 S Semler	L Grant	C Brinkley
17/08 K Hammat	M Glynn	C Brinkley

PRIEST ROSTER

20/07	Fr Anthony David
27/07	Liturgy

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.



CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Appeals for support for amputees in Gaza

The UN described Gaza as being "home to the largest cohort of child amputees in modern history". As of April, the UN reported that 4,500 people have become amputees due to the current conflict. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis

Appeal. www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413.



The first Message of Pope Leo XIV for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, whose fifth edition will be celebrated on Sunday, 27 July, was published recently. The theme of the Message is "Blessed are those who have not lost hope (Sir 14:2)" and fits into the context of the Jubilee of Hope 2025. In the Message, the Holy Father invites us to recognise the elderly not only as recipients of pastoral care, but as witnesses of hope who are active protagonists in the life of the Church.

Old age can be a time of blessedness in which hope, tested in the fire of a long life, becomes a source of joy and renewed trust in the Lord. God "teaches us that, in his eyes, old age is a time of blessing and grace, and that the elderly are, for him, the first witnesses of hope." states Pope Leo XIV in his [Message](#).

Prayer for the Fifth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

How beautiful are these words of yours, Lord!

Help us to continue our pilgrimage through time, animated by the hope that comes from You!

Help us in this divisive world, to bring the hope of communion.

Help us in this world, wounded by wars, to bring the hope of peace.

Help us in this world, which is dehumanising, to bring the beauty of an ancient smile.

Help us to be, for our grandchildren, for our loved ones and for everyone we meet, the memory of your tenderness.

Help us to bring, in a world distracted from You, the Hope of a new life that only You can give!

*For in You, Lord, nothing is lost
For in You, Lord, everything begins again!* Amen

THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The July edition of The Southern Cross is available in parishes this weekend. This month's edition has a centre-spread infographic on the 2026 Diocesan Synod and all the latest news from parishes and schools.

DID YOU KNOW?

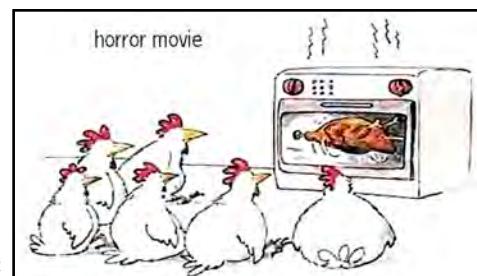
- The attitude taken by Mary in this text is one of discipleship. To sit at the feet of the Master is to be a follower or disciple. In Jesus' time, such an attitude was often only the preserve of men.
- Mary and Martha, the sisters of this text, are also mentioned in the Gospel of John. While Luke does not tell us the name of the village where they live, John does. They live in Bethany, just outside Jerusalem, with their brother, Lazarus.

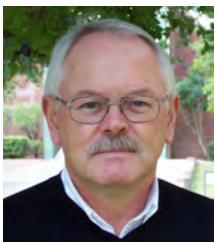
SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

In today's text, Jesus is not rebuking Martha because of her acts of service. Far from it! The real point of his criticism is that she has allowed herself to be distracted by unimportant things instead of concentrating on what really matters: God!

WHAT'S ON

21 Jul	First day School term 3
10 Aug	Vocations Appeal
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





PURGATORY AS PURIFICATION THROUGH LOVE

Imagine being born blind and living into adulthood without ever having seen light and color. Then, through some miraculous operation, doctors are able to give you sight. What would you feel immediately upon opening your eyes? Wonder? Bewilderment? Ecstasy? Pain? Some combination of all of these?

We now know the answer to that question. This kind of sight-restoring operation has been done and is being done, and we now have some indication of how a person reacts upon opening his or her eyes and seeing light and color for the first time. What happens might surprise us. Here's how J.Z. Young, an authority on brain function, describes what happens:

"The patient on opening his eyes gets little or no enjoyment; indeed, he finds the experience painful. He reports only a spinning mass of light and colors. He proves to be quite unable to pick up objects by sight, to recognize what they are, or to name them. He has no conception of space with objects in it, although he knows all about objects and their names by touch. 'Of course,' you will say, 'he must take a little time to learn to recognize them by sight.' Not a little time, but a very long time, in fact, years. His brain has not been trained in the rules of seeing. We are not conscious that there are any such rules; we think we see, as we say naturally. But we have in fact learned a whole set of rules during childhood." (See: Emilie Griffin, *Souls in Full Flight*, p. 143-144)

Might this be a helpful analogy for what happens to us in what Roman Catholics call purgatory? Could the purification we experience after death be understood analogously in this way, namely, as an opening of our vision and heart to a light and a love that are so full so as to force upon us the same kind of painful relearning and reconceptualization that have just been described? Might purgatory be

Ron Rolheiser column

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understood precisely as being embraced by God in such a way that perfect warmth and light so dwarf our earthly concepts of love and knowledge that, like a person born blind who is given sight, we need to struggle painfully in the very ecstasy of that light to adapt to a radically deeper way of thinking and loving? Might purgatory be understood not as God's absence or as some kind of punishment or retribution for sin, but as what happens to us when we are finally fully embraced, in ecstasy, by God, perfect love and perfect truth? Indeed, isn't this what faith, hope, and charity, the three theological virtues, are already trying to move us toward in this life? Isn't faith a knowing beyond what we can conceptualize? Isn't hope an anchoring of ourselves in something beyond what we can control and guarantee for ourselves? And isn't charity a reaching out beyond what affectively comes naturally to us?

St. Paul, in describing our condition on earth, tells us that in this life we see only as "through a mirror, reflecting dimly" but after death we will see "face to face". Clearly in describing our present condition on earth he is highlighting a certain blindness, a congenital darkness, an inability to actually see things as they really are. It is significant to note too that he says this in a context wherein he is pointing out that already now in this life, faith, hope, and charity help lift away that blindness.

Of course, these are only questions, perhaps unsettlingly to Protestants and Roman Catholics alike. Many Protestants and Evangelicals reject the very concept of purgatory on the grounds that, biblically, there are only two eternal places, heaven and hell. Many Roman Catholics, on the other hand, get anxious whenever purgatory seems to get stripped of its popular conception as a place or state apart from heaven. But purgatory conceived of in this way, as the full opening of our eyes and hearts so as to cause a painful reconceptualization of things, might help make the concept more palatable to Protestants and Evangelicals and help strip the

concept of some of its false popular connotations within Roman Catholic piety.

True purgation can happen only through love because it is only when we experience love's true embrace that we see our sin clearly for what it is and are empowered with the grace to move beyond it. Only light dispels darkness, and only love casts out sin.

Therese of Lisieux would sometimes pray to God: "Punish me with a kiss!" The embrace of full love is the only possible purification for sin because only when we are embraced by love do we actually understand what sin is and, only then, are we given the desire, the vision, and the strength to live in love and truth.

But that inbreaking of love and light can be, all at the same time, delightful and bewildering, ecstatic and unsettling, wonderful and excruciating, euphoric and painful – nothing less than purgatory.

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



Why science teachers should not be given playground duty.

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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A/c No 100027201
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BSB 066-782
A/c No 100000067
Reference: Your name

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KIDS' CORNER

Martha, burdened with much serving, came to Jesus and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?" (Luke 10:40)

Do you sometimes feel stressed or worried? Martha was stressed and worried about everything she had to do. In fact, she was so anxious about making everything perfect for Jesus, her guest, that she didn't even spend time with him! Jesus reminded her what was important to him was Martha, not the things Martha did. Jesus loves us because of who we are. He wants to spend time with us. When you feel anxious or worried, make time to simply be with Jesus.

Today's Gospel message is an important one. You'll hear it again in a few weeks.

Jesus, thank you for always being there for me. Amen.

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the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans.

The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

THE DINNER PARTY

It was a perfect Saturday. Maya had been planning the dinner for weeks. She had the playlist queued, the sourdough rising, candles ready, floors mopped, and her phone on "Do Not Disturb." Jesus was coming over. Well – Josh, technically. But to Maya and her friends, he was the real deal. A barista-theologian-poet kind of guy who didn't just talk about God – he radiated God.

Maya's apartment smelled like garlic and rosemary. She moved with purpose, sliding trays into the oven, refilling drinks, adjusting throw pillows no one noticed. She was proud of the space she'd made. It mattered. She wanted to honour him.

Meanwhile, her younger sister, Zoe, had been the first to greet Josh at the door. But instead of helping Maya finish up, Zoe plopped down on the couch next to Josh – barefoot, crisscross-applesauce – and just listened. She asked deep questions. She laughed. She sat with long silences and soaked up the wisdom like it was rain in a drought.

Maya kept catching glimpse of them from the kitchen. Every time she passed the doorway, a little more irritation flared in her chest. She was sweating. Zoe wasn't even holding a coaster. Finally, she snapped.

"Zoe, seriously? Can you please help me? I've been doing everything while you just sit there!" Josh turned gently toward her, his tone calm but firm. "Maya, you're amazing. You care so much. But you're anxious about all the extras. Only one thing really matters right now. And Zoe's chosen it."

He smiled, not to shame her – but to invite her. Maya froze. She realised: the music was already perfect. The bread would be fine. And real feast wasn't on the table – it was on the couch. She grabbed two mugs of tea and joined them.

We live in a world that celebrates Maya's mindset – achieve, impress, produce. But Jesus still calls us to choose the Zoe way – to be present, to listen, to slow down. Sometimes the most radical thing you can do in a hyper-efficient world is to stop and just be with the One who made you.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(21- 28 July)

- **Monday, 21:** Weekday, Ord Time 16 (Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42)
- **Tuesday, 22:** St Mary Magdalene (Song 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18)
- **Wednesday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 16 (Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9)
- **Thursday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 16 (Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20; Mt 13:10-17)
- **Friday, 25:** St James (2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28)
- **Saturday, 26:** Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary (Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30)
- **Sunday 27:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13)

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