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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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(All items for the newsletter must be
received no later than Tuesday
evening.)

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.



FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the
needy and try to suppress the poor
people of the country, you who say,
'When will New Moon be over so that
we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so
that we can market our wheat?'

Then by lowering the bushel, raising
the shekel, by swindling and tampering
with the scales, we can buy up the
poor for money, and the needy for a
pair of sandals, and get a price even
for the sweeping of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of
Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single
thing you have done.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 112:1-2, 4-8

Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor:

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord! May
the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! <R>
2. High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory. Who
is like the Lord, our God, who has
risen on high to his throne yet
stoops from the heights to look
down, to look down upon heaven
and earth? <R>
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dunghill he raises the
poor to set him in the company of
princes, yes, with the princes of
his people. <R>

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there
should be prayers offered for
everyone – petitions, intercessions and
thanksgiving – and especially for
kings and others in authority, so that
we may be able to live religious and
reverent lives in peace and quiet. To
do this is right, and will please God
our saviour: he wants everyone to be
saved and reach full knowledge of the
truth. For there is only one God, and
there is only one mediator between
God and humankind, himself a man,
Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as
a ransom for them all. He is the
evidence of this, sent at the appointed
time, and I have been named a herald
and apostle of it and – I am telling the
truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith
and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to
lift their hands up reverently in prayer,
with no anger or argument.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 8-9

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus Christ was rich but he
became poor, to make you rich
out of his poverty. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples, 'There was a
rich man and he had a steward who was
denounced to him for being wasteful
with his property. (Continued page 4)



Bulletin Board

KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

August anniversaries: Frank Berden, Mary Bowery, Jimmy Browne, Terrence Browne, Gwen Caldicott, Audrey Carslake, Peg Dow, Thomas Drane, Bernadette Florance, Christopher Glynn, Loretta Hartley, Catherine Hughes, Patrick Hughes, Pearl Malycha, Elvie Meaney, Dean Larcombe, Julia Martienses, Eileen Morris, Reginald Pahl, Maisie Rooney, Brenton Semler, Vera Shannon, James Smith.

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
21/09	A Clark	M Glynn	C Berden
28/09	W Bennett	M Slagter	C Berden

PRIEST ROSTER

21/09	Fr Leon Czechowcz
	Fr George Nader

SEPTEMBER IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH

*Help make a difference to
the lives of South Australians.*

In the month of September, we are promoting the Catholic Charities Appeal which supports the following agencies in South Australia: Hutt St Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools.

Please take a leaflet with you to find out more about the September Appeal.

Donations can be made via the reply-paid slip on the leaflet or online at <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/gr/cc>

WORKING BEE

Today Sunday (21 September) we will have a working bee to remove / trim trees in the yard of the existing Parish House. It will start around 11.00am.

Bring any equipment that you have that may help in removing the tree, eg saws, gloves. We also need a couple of utes to take the green waste to the dump.

A bbq lunch will be provided around 12.30pm. Bring a salad or sweet to share, own drinks, and a chair please.

Any questions, please contact Helen Mumford (0408 367 009).



Sunday 30 November

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

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.

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

FAITHFUL IN THE EVERYDAY (Luke 16:1-13)

Jesus went on to make these comments: "If you're honest in small things, you'll be honest in big things; If you're a crook in small things, you'll be a crook in big things. If you're not honest in small jobs, who will put you in charge of the store? No worker can serve two bosses: They'll either hate the first and love the second or adore the first and despise the second. You can't serve both God and the bank." (Luke 16:10-13)

Jesus' words remind us that faith is not just lived out in the big moments – at Easter, Christmas, or in times of crisis – but in the small, ordinary moments of daily life.

For families, being "faithful in little things" might look like:

- Sharing a prayer before meals, even on a busy weeknight.
- Choosing kind words in moments of stress.
- Encouraging children to see the good in others.
- Pausing to thank God for the small blessings of the day.

In parish life, it could mean greeting someone new at Mass, offering a word of encouragement to someone who is struggling, or quietly serving behind the scenes. These small acts

create a community where God's presence is felt.

Jesus also reminds us we cannot serve two masters. It is easy to be pulled in many directions – work, screens, deadlines, worries. But when we keep God at the centre, everything else finds its right place.

So this week, let's recommit to faithfulness in the everyday – to bring prayer, kindness, and hope into the small moments of family and parish life. It is through these ordinary acts that God's Kingdom grows in our homes, our parishes, and our hearts.

Questions for Reflection

- What "little acts" can I do this week that show God's love to my family, friends, or parish community?
- Where am I tempted to let other "masters" (busyness, screens, worries) take priority over my faith?
- How can I help my family or parish become a place where hope and joy are shared more freely?

Action Response

This week, choose one small act of faithfulness each day: say grace together, offer forgiveness, call someone who is lonely, attend Mass with joy, or serve someone quietly. Be a sign of God's love in your home, your parish, and your community. The Kingdom of God is built one prayer, one kind word, one generous act at a time – and you are part of that building. *GPBS eNews*

WHAT'S ON

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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A FATHER'S BLESSING

My father died when I was twenty-three, a seminarian, green, still learning about life. It's hard to lose your father at any age, and my grief was compounded by the fact that I had just begun to appreciate what he had given me.

Only later did I realise that I no longer needed him, though I still very much wanted him. What he had to give me, he had already given. I had his blessing.

I knew I had his blessing. My life and the direction it had taken pleased him. Like God's voice at the baptism of his Jesus, he had already communicated to me: *You are my son in whom I am well pleased*. Not everyone is that lucky. That's about as much as a person may ask from a father.

And what did he leave me and the rest of his offspring?

Too much to name, but among other things, moral steadiness. He was one of the most moral people I have ever known, allowing himself minimal moral compromise. He wasn't a man who bought the line that we are only human and so it's okay to allow ourselves some exemptions. He used to famously tell us: "Anyone can show me humanity; I need someone to show me divinity!" He expected you not to fail, to live up to what faith and morality asked of you, to not make excuses. If we, his family, inhaled anything from his presence, it was this moral stubbornness.

Beyond this, he had a steady, almost pathological sanity. Today we joke that *moderation was his only excess*. There were no hysterical outbursts, no depressions, no giddiness, no lack of steadiness, no having to guess where his soul and psyche might be on a given day.

With that steadiness, along with my mother's supporting presence, he made for us a home that was always a safe cocoon, a boring place

sometimes, but always a safe one. When I think of the home where I grew up, I think of a safe shelter where you could look at the storms outside from a place of warmth and security. Again, not everyone is that lucky.

And because we were a large family and his love and attention had to be shared with multiple siblings, I never thought of him as "my" father, but always as "our" father. This has helped me grasp the first challenge in the *Lord's Prayer*, namely, that God is "Our" Father, whom we share with others, not a private entity.

Moreover, his family extended to more than his own children. I learned early not to resent the fact that he couldn't always be with us, that he had good reasons to be elsewhere: work, community, church, hospital and school boards, political involvement. He was an elder for a wider family than just our own.

Finally, not least, he blessed me and my brothers and sisters with a love for baseball. He managed a local baseball team for many years. This was his particular place where he could enjoy some Sabbath.

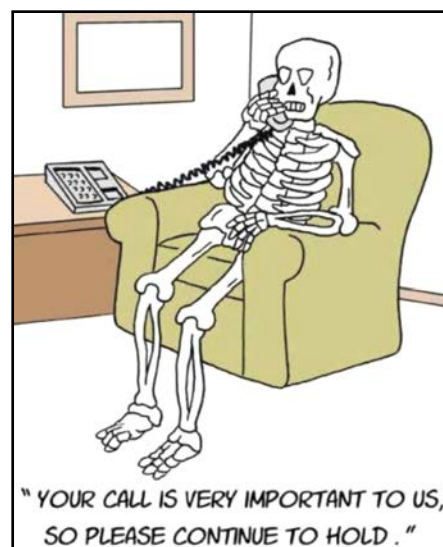
But blessings never come pure. My father was human, and a man's greatest strength is often too his greatest weakness. In all that moral fibre and rock-solid sanity, there was also a reticence that sometimes didn't allow him to fully drink in life's exuberance. Every son watches how his father dances and unconsciously sizes him up against certain things: hesitancy, fluidity, abandonment, exhibitionism, momentary irrationality, irresponsibility.

My father never had much fluidity or abandon to his dance step, and I have inherited that, something that can pain me deeply. There were times, both as a child and as an adult, when, in a given situation, I would have traded my father for a dad who had a more fluid dance step, for someone with a little less reticence in the face of life's exuberance.

And that is partly my struggle to receive his full blessing. I'm often reminded of William Blake's famous line in *Infant Sorrow*, where he mentions "*Struggling in my father's hands*." For me, that means struggling at times with my dad's reticence to simply let go and drink in life's full gift.

But, if there was hesitancy, there was no irresponsibility in his dance, even if sometimes that meant standing outside the dance. I was grieved at his funeral, but proud too, proud of the respect that was poured out for him, for the way he lived his life. There was no judgment that day on his reticence. I'm older now than he was when he died. My earthly days now outnumber his by fifteen years. But I still live inside his blessing, consciously and unconsciously, striving to measure up, to honour what he gave me. And mostly that's good, though I also have moments when I find myself standing outside of life's exuberance, looking in at the dance, reticent, his look on my face, feeling a certain envy of those who have a more fluid dance step – me, ever my father's son.

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 our 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.

- Mrs Helen Mumford (KI contact - 0408 367 009)
- Integrity and Safeguarding Dept (8210 8150 - select option 2)



"If you're honest in small things, you'll be honest in big things; If you're a crook in small things, you'll be a crook in big things." (Luke 16: 10)

Do you know what a white lie is? It's the kind that doesn't seem very important, like when you tell your mum you're coming when she calls, even though you're not. White lies might not seem to matter. After all, what harm do they do?

If you notice yourself telling small lies like these, however, ask yourself: Do I want to be good, or do I just want to seem good? What do you think God wants?

Please guide my words today, Lord.

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He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things can be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

THE CLEVER TEEN AND THE LOST WALLET

Cameron was a Year 11 student who worked part-time at a local café after school. One afternoon, while cleaning the tables, he found a wallet stuffed with cash. It belonged to a man who had been in earlier – someone known in town as a bit rude and stingy. At first, Cameron thought, No one saw me pick this up. I could just keep it. But something tugged at his heart.

Instead of pocketing the money, Cameron did something different. He opened the wallet, found the man's loyalty card for the café, and decided to act smart. He asked the café owner for the man's number (from the loyalty card system), called him, and said: "Hi, I'm Cameron from the café. I found your wallet – it's safe. Come and pick it up whenever you can." When the man arrived, he was shocked. "You could have taken it. No one would have known." Cameron just smiled. "Doing the right thing isn't about who's watching."

The man was so moved that he not only thanked Cameron but started coming back to the café more often – and this time, he was friendlier, even tipping the staff.

Jesus told a story about a manager who had to think quickly and act wisely when he was about to lose his job. He used his head to make friends and build a better future.

Cameron was a "clever manager" too – but in a good way. He used his situation to do what was right and build trust. His choice turned a moment of temptation into a moment of grace – and it made an impact on the whole community.

Like Cameron, we're called to use our brains and our hearts to make good choices, even when no one is watching. In families, this means being honest, kind, and fair in small daily decisions. In parishes, it means looking for ways to welcome, serve, and bring people closer to God.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(22 - 28 September)

- **Monday, 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Ezra 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18)
- **Tuesday, 23:** St Pius of Pietrelcina (Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21)
- **Wednesday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Ezra 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6)
- **Thursday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Haggai 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9)
- **Friday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Haggai 1:15-2:9; Lk 9:18-22)
- **Saturday, 27:** St Vincent de Paul (Zech 2:5-9, 14-15; Lk 9:43-45)
- **Sunday 28:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31)

PASTORAL CARE

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