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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

2 Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121:1-5

*Let us go rejoicing to the
house of the Lord.*

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
"Let us go to God's house." And
now our feet are standing within
your gates, O Jerusalem. <R>
2. Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact. It is there that
the tribes go up, the tribes of the
Lord. <R>
3. For Israel's law it is, there to
praise the Lord's name. There
were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. <R>

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has
made it possible for you to join the
saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has
taken us out of the power of darkness
and created a place for us in the
kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in
him, we gain our freedom, the
forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation, for in
him were created all things in heaven
and on earth: everything visible and
everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities,
Powers – all things were created
through him and for him. Before
anything was created, he existed, and he
holds all things in unity. Now the
Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to
be born from the dead, so that he should
be first in every way; because God
wanted all perfection to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through
him and for him, everything in heaven
and everything on earth, when he made
peace by his death on the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 11:9,10

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom
of David our father; blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Luke 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross
watching Jesus.

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Bulletin Board

KEEP THESE

PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

November anniversaries: Jim Airtton, Francis E Bannan, Vic Banner, Clorice Bates, Toni Berden, Leon Bourke, Imogen Brinkley, Harold Burgess, Donald Chalmers, Tim Clark, Evelyn Drane, Roy Gaton, 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

	Reader	Prayers	Cleaning
23/11	S Semler	TBA	C Brinkley
30/11	P Clark	W Bennett	C Brinkley

PRIEST ROSTER

23/11	Fr Anthony Adimai
30/11	Vicar General Fr Dean Marin, Fr Lancy D'Silva

Sunday 30 November



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

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



Kingscode Community Carols will be sung at The Pavilion on Friday 12 December. If you wish to join the Community Choir please attend the rehearsals to be held at St Alban's Hall, Cnr Drew and Osmond Streets at 4.45pm on Fridays from November 9.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection this weekend for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. This appeal supports families and individuals in South Australia who are struggling financially and materially.

FREE DIGITAL SERVICE TO SPEED UP ACCESS TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Medicare Mental Health Check In will offer free digital mental health care and access to mental health practitioners via telehealth, SMS and chat.

St Vincent's is partnering with the federal government to help Australians access fast, free digital mental health support through the new Medicare Mental Health Check In service, launching on January 1.

After a competitive tendering process, St Vincent's was selected to design and deliver this Australian-first service, which will improve access for any Australian seeking mental health support, regardless of where they live. Medicare Mental Health Check In will target Australians experiencing stress, distress, or anxiety and provide fast access to programs and qualified mental health practitioners.

The service will empower people seeking support to improve their own mental wellbeing as soon as they experience symptoms. It will help people get well more quickly and reduce the risk of longer-term care being required.

For more than two decades, St Vincent's has been running its own highly-regarded and clinically-proven digital mental health service, THIS WAY UP.

THIS WAY UP is Australia's most popular digital mental health treatment service with more than 37,000 registered clinicians (including one-third of all GPs and psychologists in Australia), and 300,000 help seekers.

Medicare Mental Health Check In will offer free digital mental health care – including self-guided, proven digital tools to improve mental wellbeing – and fast access to mental health practitioners via telehealth, SMS, and chat.

The service will be rolled out progressively, with a variety of digital resources available from January 1, followed by access to telehealth and online therapy delivered by trained practitioners beginning from March. St Vincent's chief executive Chris Blake said Medicare Mental Health Check In would become a key platform in Australia's mental health system, helping tens of thousands of people a year access the quality support and care they needed.

"Medicare Mental Health Check In has the potential to be a gamechanger for mental health care in Australia, and St Vincent's is proud to partner with the Australian Government to make it happen," Mr Blake said.

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WHAT'S ON

- 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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WHAT MAKES US FAMILY – BIOLOGY OR FAITH?

In one sense, we might say that Christianity invented religion in that before Christianity, communities of faith were mostly ethnically and tribally based. Jesus defined a family of faith differently, telling us that it is not the womb *you were born out of*, but the womb that *you were reborn from* that defines your family. For Jesus, real family is not grounded in biology, ethnicity, or nationality. It is grounded in faith.

Where does Jesus teach this? It is almost everywhere present as a motif underlying his teaching. However, it is made explicit a number of times in how he defines his relationship to his own mother and her place and status within the faith community.

There are several instances in the Gospel where Jesus seems to distance himself from his own mother. For instance, in one incident someone comes up to him and says, “your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.” But Jesus replies, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” Then pointing to his disciples, he said, “Here is my mother and my brothers.”

In another instance, he is addressing a crowd when a woman cries out, “Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!” Only to have Jesus say, “blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it.”

That exchange might be recast this way. A woman in the crowd is especially moved by Jesus and shouts: “You must have had a wonderful mother!” Jesus’ answer: “Yes, she was wonderful, more wonderful than you think. All mothers are wonderful in their biology. But my mother was even more wonderful in her faith!”

These incidents can be confusing at first glance because it can seem like Jesus is distancing himself from his own mother. He is not. Instead, he is redefining his relationship to his mother in a way that gives her a different (and more exalted) status: *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it.* The Gospels make it clear that Mary was in fact the first person who did this. Her faith in saying “let it be done to me according to your word” is what made her more special than her biology.

In the Gospels, Mary has a special status within the apostolic community not first of all because she was the biological mother of Jesus, but because she was *the first one to truly hear the word of God and keep it.* Her faith, more than her biology, gave her special status.

Moreover, with these responses Jesus is fundamentally redefining what constitutes true family, that is, faith more than biology determines who is your mother and who are your brothers and sisters. Real family is not determined by biology, but by faith. For Christians, it is not the womb *you were born out of*, but the womb that *you were reborn from* that defines your family. True family no longer has its base in ethnicity, biology, tribe, or nation. None of these makes us brothers and sisters in the truest sense of the word family.

There are far-reaching challenges flowing from this, challenges we perennially tend to ignore. Simply put, we perennially resist defining family that widely. Instead, our propensity is to forever identify the family of faith with our own biological, ethnic, national, denominational, or ideological family, thus making God our own tribal, national, denominational, or ideological God. This gives us not only a false notion of family but also

a false notion of God. In a phrase borrowed from Nikos Kazantzakis, when we do this, *the bosom of God becomes a ghetto.*

“Who is my mother? Who are my brothers and sisters?” Who is my real family?

In answering this, faith must ultimately override references to biological family, ethnicity, nationality, denominational, or ideological affinity. Those who are hearing the word of God and are keeping it are “*mother, brother, and sister*” to us.

Jesus’ redefinition of what constitutes family is, I believe, a much-needed challenge for us today as increasingly we are separating ourselves from each other through ideological, national, and ethnic differences and are defining family very differently than Jesus did. Identifying the family of faith with biological, ethnic, national, denominational, or ideological family is what underlies the concept of Christian nationalism and other kinds of tribalism which try to cloak themselves with Jesus and the Gospel. Those notions, however sincere, are misguided and in significant ways antithetical to Jesus and the Gospel. In Christ, as scripture assures us, *we are all baptised into one body, whether Jew or Greek, slave or free, and we were all given one Spirit to drink.* In the family of faith there is no Johnson or Rolheiser, American or Mexican, British or French, white or coloured, liberal or conservative. Our real family, our family in Christ, transcends all of that – and not withstanding a healthy loyalty to biological family, denomination, and nation, asks each of us to also transcend that.

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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Reference: Your name

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BSB 066-782
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- Mrs Helen Mumford
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*He is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.
(Colossians 1:17)*

God created everything with a special purpose. Trees, mountains, animals – and you! Each one of God's creations is one of a kind. God wants us to remember this. When we treat God's creation – including all people – with kindness, we are remembering that God lovingly created us. And we are honouring God.

You can honour God in many ways. It can be as simple as inviting someone to play or saying a short prayer of thankfulness when you go outside. How can you honour God today?

God living among us, help me honour your holy name.

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As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

HOPE IN THE CARPARK

Hannah sat alone in her parked car outside the parish after-school program, gripping the steering wheel. She'd just picked up her son, Caleb, who had been suspended earlier that day for swearing at a teacher. He was now silent in the back seat, staring out the window, refusing to talk. Everything inside Hannah felt heavy – embarrassment, frustration, worry. She wondered where she had gone wrong, and whether anyone at church would even look at her the same way again.

Just then, someone tapped on her window. It was Tom who ran the after-school program, holding a small bag of leftover afternoon-tea biscuits. He smiled, as if he'd been expecting her. "Rough day?" he asked gently. She nodded, unable to speak. Caleb wouldn't meet his eyes.

Tom crouched down beside the open car door. "You know," he said, "in the Gospel, there's a man who turns to Jesus at the very end of a very messy life. He says, 'Remember me.' And Jesus doesn't shame him. He doesn't lecture him. He just says, 'Today you will be with me.' That's the kind of God we have."

Caleb finally looked up, eyes wet. "Even if I've stuffed up?" he whispered.

"Especially then," Tom replied.

Something softened in Hannah – like a knot loosening. They weren't being judged. They weren't being written off. They were being remembered.

Caleb reached for the bag of biscuits. Hannah let out a breath she didn't know she was holding. It wasn't a fix. It wasn't all better. But it was hope. And for that moment, it was enough.

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ADVENT



Advent is the season of new beginnings. A new liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent (next Sunday - 30 November) and it beckons to us with images of transformation and hope. It is the season of the impossible becoming possible. In the scriptures we read of the dry, barren wilderness bursting into bloom; of broken hearts healing; of a barren woman and a young virgin both conceiving children. It is the season of longing and light. Week by week, candles are lit on the Advent wreath signifying our longing for the light of Christ, as the time of his birth draws near.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(24 - 30 November)

- **Monday, 24:** Sts Andrew Dũng-Lac and companions (Dan 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4)
- **Tuesday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11)
- **Wednesday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19)
- **Thursday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28)
- **Friday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33)
- **Saturday, 29:** Weekday, Ord Time 34 (Dan 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36)
- **Sunday 30:** FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT (Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44)

PASTORAL CARE

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