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WEEKEND MASSES

Kingscote at 9.30am

CONFESSION

Kingscote at 9.00am (prior to Mass)

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We are a safeguarding Organisation.

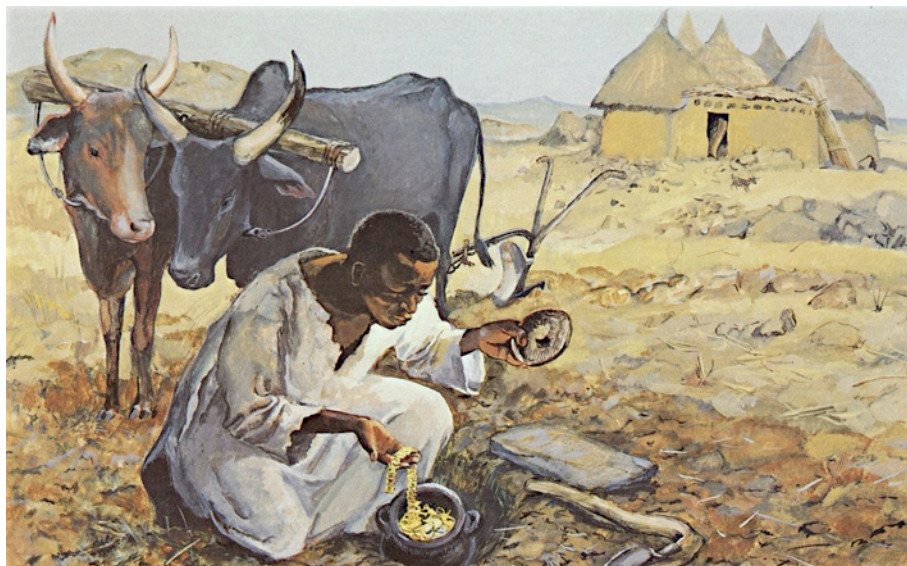
We believe that all God's children, young people and adults at risk have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected, and valued. A safe environment for all.

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FIRE SAFETY

In case of a fire, please exit the front or rear door and gather on the lawn area near the Church. At the time, the Commentator will inform you of which door to exit safely.



FIRST READING

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. (R)
2. Let your love be ready to console

me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. (R)

3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. (R)
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. (R)

SECOND READING

Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

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Bulletin Board

KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Brianna Chudlee, Annette Roestenburg, Michelle Glynn, Rebecca Semler, Chris Heath, Josh Semler, MaryAnne Higgs

Recently deceased: Simon Laundy

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.

PRIEST ROSTER

July 26 Fr Francis Showrie
Aug 02 Fr Roman Palma
Aug 09 Fr Roman Palma



HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

We will be celebrating Holy Communion and Confirmation on 29 November this year. The Archbishop and Fr Lancy will concelebrate this special occasion.

Please keep Glenna and Collin and their families in your prayers.

THE TREASURE HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. A person discovers it and, filled with joy, gives up everything to make it their own. It is a short parable, but it asks a profound question. What do we value most?

We live in a world that constantly tells us where to look for happiness. More possessions, more success, more experiences, more followers, more achievements. Yet many people are discovering that despite all the noise, all the activity and all the promises, something is still missing. Anxiety, loneliness and division remain part of the story of our times. People long for meaning, belonging and hope.

Jesus points us towards a different kind of treasure.

The Kingdom of God is often hidden in plain sight. It is found in the quiet faith of grandparents who continue to pray each day for their families. It is present in parents who make sacrifices for their children, in neighbours who care for one another, in young people who choose kindness in a world that can be harsh, and in communities that welcome, forgive and support each other.

The challenge of this Gospel is that recognising the treasure requires more than simply noticing it. It asks us to respond. The person in the parable is willing to let go of everything else because they know what truly matters.

That is the question for us. What fills our hearts and shapes our priorities? What distracts us from God, from family, from community, from the things that endure? In a culture that often measures worth by what we own

or achieve, Jesus reminds us that our greatest treasure is found in relationships, in faith and in the presence of God among us.

Our parish communities are called to be places where this treasure can be discovered. Places of welcome in a divided world. Places of hope in uncertain times. Places where people encounter not judgement, but mercy, not indifference, but compassion, not fear, but the love of Christ.

The treasure is here, often hidden in the ordinary moments of life. The invitation of the Gospel is simple and challenging at the same time. Do not pass by without recognising it.

Action Response

This week, slow down long enough to notice the treasure that God has placed before you. Make time for prayer, reconnect with someone who may be lonely, offer encouragement where it is needed and choose gratitude over complaint. In a world searching for hope, let your words, your actions and your presence reveal the hidden treasure of God's Kingdom.

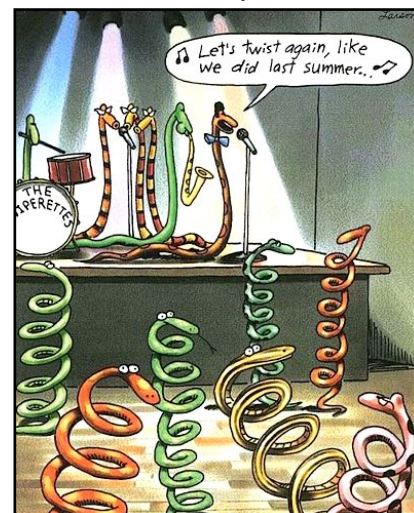
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WHAT'S ON

9 Aug Promotion Vocations Appeal
Sep Catholic Charities Month
Sep 5-13 Royal Adelaide Show
25 Sep School term 3 ends
26 Sep AFL Grand Final
5 Oct Labour Day
12 Oct School term 4 begins
18 Oct World Mission Month
3 Nov Melbourne Cup
8 Nov Supporting our Clergy Appeal
15 Nov St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal
11 Dec School term 4 ends
25 Dec Christmas Day

MASS ROSTERS

Date	Readers/Prayers	Special Ministers	Cleaners
26 July	M Slagter, L Grant	P Bennett, A Bevan	C Brinkley
2 August	P Bennett, K Hammat	S Semler, W Bennett	A Clark
9 August	S Heath, A Clark	M Slagter, L Grant	A Clark
16 August	S Semler, L Grant	H Mumford, K Hammat	A Clark
23 August	K Hammat, M Glynn	W Bennett, S Semler	A Clark
30 August	S Semler, L Grant	P Bennett, M Slagter	A Clark
06 Sept	P Clark, W Bennett	A Bevan, H Mumford	C Berden
13 Sept	K Hammat, S Semler	P Bennett, L Grant	C Berden
20 Sept	S Heath, P Bennett	S Semler, K Hammat	C Berden
27 Sept	A Clark, M Glynn	M Slagter, H Mumford	C Berden





Ron Rolheiser column

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

When I was growing up, as part of our family prayer we used to pray for a happy death. In my young mind, I had a certain conception of what that might look like. A happy death would be to die inside of grace, warmly cradled in the loving arms of family and church, fully at peace with God and others, having had time to speak some final words of love and gratitude.

Unfortunately, not everyone gets to die that way.

Accidents, unfortunate circumstances, and the complexity of human relationships sometimes conspire in nefarious ways so that people die in less-than-ideal situations: angry, compromised, unforgiving, bitter, immature, unreconciled.

Sometimes too the very cause of death speaks of a less-than-happy parting: drunkenness, an overdose of drugs, depression, recklessness, suicide. Death often catches people before they have had the chance to say and do things that make for a peaceful farewell. Invariably there's unfinished business.

We all know examples of this: A man dead in an accident whose last words to his family were ones of anger; a woman dead of an overdose who hasn't talked to her family in years; a colleague dead by his own hand; a friend who dies bitter, unable to forgive; or even simply the loved one who's taken away by a sudden heart attack before he or she has had the chance to speak some last words of love and farewell. Rarely do people die without any unfinished business.

The pain of this can linger for a long time. I remember once counselling a man in his fifties who still carried

pain and guilt from his mother's death more than forty years previous. He had been taken to his mother's bedside in the hospital; but was unaware that she was dying. She had asked him to give her a hug and he, a child, frightened and reticent in this tense situation, had backed away. The next day she died so his last memory of his mother was his refusal to hug her. Forty years later and he still hadn't made peace with that.

Many of us have had people close to us die with whom we had unfinished business, a hurt never reconciled, an injustice never rectified, a bitterness that never softened. Death has now separated us, and the unfinished business remains precisely unfinished and we are left saying: "If only there was another chance!"

Well, there is another chance. One of our most consoling (albeit neglected) Christian doctrines is our belief in the Communion of the Saints. It's a doctrine enshrined in the Apostle's Creed itself and it asks us to believe that we are still in vital communication with those who have died.

Moreover, it tells us that the communication we now have with them is free from many of the tensions that coloured our relationship with them while they were alive.

Hence, to believe in the Communion of Saints is to believe that we can still tend to unfinished business in our relationships, even after death. Simply put, we can still talk to those who have died, and we can, even now, say the words of love, forgiveness, gratitude, and regret that ideally should have been spoken earlier. Indeed, inside the Communion of Saints the reconciliation that eluded us while that person was alive can now more easily take place. Why?

Because inside the Communion of Saints our communication with the one deceased is privileged. Death washes clean. It clarifies perspective and takes away a lot of relational tensions. Why do I say this? Because both faith and experience teach us this.

For example, all of us have experienced situations where, inside of a family, a friendship circle, a community, or a group of colleagues, a bitter tension with an individual can arise and fester so that eventually there's an unresolvable rift. Things have happened that can no longer be undone. Then the one who has been at the source of the tension dies and his or her death changes everything. In a strange way the death brings with it a peace, a clarity, and an understanding which, prior to it, were not possible.

Why is this? It's not simply because the death has changed the chemistry of the group or because, as we may simplistically conclude, the source of the tension or bitterness has died. It happens because, as Luke teaches in his Passion narrative, death can wash things clean and release forgiveness in the same way as Jesus forgave the good thief upon the cross as he died.

This should be an immense consolation. If we are attentive to the Communion of Saints, what we can't bring to wholeness and peace in this life can be completed afterwards. We still have communication, privileged communication, with our loved ones after death.

Among the marvels of that is the fact that we still have a chance to fix the things, after death, that we were powerless to mend before death took a loved one away.

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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A/c No 100000067
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Thank you for your ongoing support of our Priests and Parish Facilities.



I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you. (1 Kings 3:12)

If God told you God would give you anything you asked for, what would you say? This is what happened to Solomon. He could have asked to fly or read minds or even bring back his dead father, King David. Instead, Solomon asked for an understanding heart. Solomon was new at being a king, and he knew he needed God's help to govern his people. God was so pleased with Solomon's unselfish request that God gave Solomon the wisest, most understanding heart ever, plus bonus gifts, like riches, glory, and a long life. So ... what are you asking God for these days?

Generous God, may I grow in wisdom and understanding.



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GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

THE TREASURE WE ALMOST MISSED

There was once a woman who spent many years searching for something she felt was missing. She travelled to different places, read countless books, listened to inspiring speakers and constantly looked for the moment when everything would finally make sense.

She believed that somewhere ahead of her was the thing she needed. A new opportunity. A new experience. A new achievement. Something that would bring lasting peace and fulfilment.

One day, while walking along a familiar path near her home, she noticed an elderly neighbour sitting quietly outside. They began talking, and the woman shared her search for something more. The neighbour smiled and said, "Sometimes we spend so much time looking for treasure that we fail to notice what has been with us all along."

The woman thought about those words. She began to look differently at her life. She noticed the kindness of people who had supported her. She appreciated the simple conversations she had rushed through before. She saw the beauty in moments she had considered ordinary. She realised that the treasure she had been searching for was not hidden somewhere far away. It had been present in the relationships, blessings and moments of grace surrounding her every day.

Jesus tells us this week that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. The person who discovers it recognises its value and responds with great joy.

The challenge of this parable is that the treasure is not always obvious. We can become so focused on what we think we need next that we overlook the gifts already placed in our hands. We can chase what is impressive and miss what is meaningful. We can search for God in extraordinary moments while overlooking the quiet ways God is already present.

Perhaps the invitation for us is not always to find something new, but to see something familiar with new eyes. The people around us, the opportunities before us, the moments of generosity, forgiveness and love may be the very places where God has hidden the treasure.

The question is not only, "Where can I find God?" It is also, "Where have I failed to notice that God is already here?"

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(27 July - 02 August)

- **Monday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 13:1-11 ; Mt 13:31-35)
- **Tuesday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 14:17-22 ; Mt 13:36-43)
- **Wednesday, 29:** Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus (1 Jn 4:7-16; Jn 11:19-27)
- **Thursday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 17 (Jer 18:1-6 ; Mt 13:47-53)
- **Friday, 31:** St Ignatius of Loyola (Jer 26:1-9 ; Mt 13:54-58)
- **Saturday, 01:** St Alphonsus Liguori (Jer 26:11-16, 24 ; Mt 14:1-12)
- **Sunday 02:** 18 SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21)

PASTORAL CARE

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