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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

Proverbs 8:22-31

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works. From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being. The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust. When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries – and the waters will not invade the shore – when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 8:4-9

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

1. When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you arranged, what is man that you should keep him in

mind, mortal man that you care for him. <R>

2. Yet you have made him little less than a god; with glory and honour you crowned him, gave him power over the works of your hand, put all things under his feet. <R>
3. All of them, sheep and cattle, yes, even the savage beasts, birds of the air, and fish that make their way through waters. <R>

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-5

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

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Bulletin Board

KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

June anniversaries: Dorothy 'Mardi' Atkison, William 'Bill' Bauer, Shirley Black, Doris Bosanko, Norma 'Aileen' Cartel, Tony Cairney, William Christopher, Craig Feltus, Mary Alice Grace, Benjamin Hayes, Henry Hughes, Sarah Hughes, Fr P P Kelly, Alan Lashmar, Maria Loechel, Ann McAnnally, James McAnnally, Lillian Murphy, Laurence O'Daly, Dean Page, Ruth Perkins, Molly Polly, Edna Rayson, Mary - Douglas Rosentreter, Brenton Semler, Henry Tabor, Michael Wilcox, Alice Willson, Brian Willson, Mary Connell.

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
15/06	M Slagter	P Bennett	C Berden
22/06	A Clark	M Glynn	A Bevan
29/06	W Bennett	M Slagter	A Bevan

PRIEST ROSTER

15/06	Fr Matthew Newman
22/06	Liturgy
29/06	Fr Francis Tawil
06/07	Fr Lancy D'Silva

SPECIAL ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Next Sunday (June 22) there will be a Special Ecumenical Service in the Town Hall from 11.00am to 12.00noon followed by a shared lunch of finger food, savoury or sweet, but not needing to be warmed.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY 20 June, 2025

Finding Freedom: Diversity in Community

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution.

We think of those refugees who still await resettlement in Australia or elsewhere and are kept in sometimes inhumane conditions in New Guinea and Nauru.

URGENT
**Support
amputees
in Gaza**



According to the UN, over 4,500 people have become amputees due to the current conflict. Over 800 of them are children. The horror and pain of losing a limb in war has been made even more extreme by the near collapse of the medical system. Vital infrastructure has been damaged or destroyed, and access to essential medical supplies – including prosthetics – remains severely restricted.

We are supporting our partner Caritas Jerusalem to collaborate with the Artificial Limbs and Polio Center Gaza to provide 140 people, mostly children, with artificial limbs. One of them is Khamees. Khamees is a child who once ran, played and danced. He lost his leg in the conflict and has been forced to navigate life with incredible challenges. When he received his prosthetic limb, he said: *"I was surprised and happy. I went home overjoyed and slept feeling truly happy... Be strong and never give up."*

The end of the financial year is your opportunity to help more children like Khamees walk again—and receive a tax-deductible receipt for your 2024/25 return.

Your donation will help fund prosthetics and physical therapy, giving back mobility, independence and hope to those who have suffered so much. Please give before June 30. Go to caritas.org.au

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY—15 June



The primary aims of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in 2025 are:

- Raising awareness about the mistreatment of older adults.
- Encouraging communities to take action against elder abuse.
- Strengthening policies and programs that protect senior citizens.

Our Archdiocese now has an Integrity and Safeguarding Department. The Department aims to keep Children, Young people and Adults at Risk safe.

Details of how to contact our representative, Helen Mumford, are on page four of the Bulletin, if you have any concerns.

WHAT'S ON

29 Jun	Holy Father's Appeal
2 Jul	Last day School term 2
6 July	NATSICC Appeal
20 Jul	Stella Maris - Sea Sunday
21 Jul	First day School term 3
10 Aug	Vocations Appeal
26 Sep	Last day School term 3
6 Oct	Labour day holiday
13 Oct	First day School term 4
12 Dec	Last day School term 4





Ron Rolheiser column

Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. He is a community-builder, lecturer and writer. His books are popular throughout the English-speaking world and his weekly column is carried by more than sixty newspapers worldwide

GOD AS HOLY, BUT ALSO AS PLAYFUL, WITTY, AND EROTIC

God is the object of all desire, no matter how earthy and unholy our desire might seem. Everything we desire is inside of God. Both Jesus and the Psalms tell us this.

God is the object of all desire and only in God will our deepest longings be satisfied. We express this in our prayers, perhaps without ever being conscious of what we are saying: *My soul longs for you in the night. You, Lord, alone, can fill my heart.* We say those words, but is it really God that we long for in the night and ache for in our desires? Do we really believe that God is the object of our desires?

When we look at what's beautiful, full of life, attractive, sexually alluring, and pleasurable on earth, do we really think and believe that this is contained in an infinitely richer way inside of God and inside the life into which God invites us? Do we really believe that the joys of heaven will surpass the pleasures of earth and that, already in this world, the joys of virtue are superior to the sensations of sin?

It is not easy to believe this because we struggle congenitally with turning our conscious attention toward God. Often we find religious practice and prayer more of a disruption to life than an entry into it, more a duty than a joy, more an asceticism than a pleasure, and more as something that takes us away from real life than as something that helps us enter its depths.

Moreover, if we are honest, we must admit that we often harbor a secret envy of those who recklessly plumb sacred energy for their own pleasure. Many of us doggedly do our duty in committing ourselves to something higher; but, like the older brother of the Prodigal Son, too often serve God out of obligation and are bitter about the fact that

many others do not. This side of eternity, virtue often envies sin, and (full disclosure) this is particularly true regarding sexuality.

Partly this is natural and a sign of health, given the brute fact of our physicality and the weight of the present moment. These naturally impose themselves on us in a way that can make the things of God and spirit seem abstract and unreal. That's simply the human condition and God, no doubt, understands. Only in certain graced, mystical moments are we affectively above this.

Thus, it can be helpful to more explicitly tease out something we profess in faith but struggle to actually believe, namely, that all that we find attractive, beautiful, irresistible, erotic, and pleasurable here on earth is found even more fully inside of its author, God.

If we believe that God is the author of all that is good, then God is better looking than any movie star, more intelligent than the brightest scientist or philosopher, wittier and funnier than the best comedian, more creative than any artist, writer, or innovator, more sophisticated than the most-learned person on earth, more exuberant and playful than any child, more dynamic than any rock star, and, not least, more erotic and sexually attractive than any person on earth.

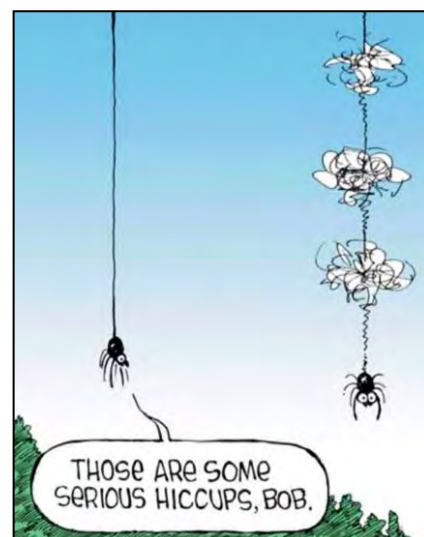
We don't ordinarily think about God this way, but the truth of that is given in Scripture and is codified in Christian dogma where, in essence, we are taught that God is one, true, good, and beautiful and is the author and ultimate source of all that is one, good, true, and beautiful. Which means that God is also witty, playful, and erotic. Everything that is alluring on earth is inside of God.

But knowing that does not take away the power of earthly things to allure, nor should it. Countless things can

overwhelm us: a beautiful person, a sunset, a piece of music, a work of art, youthful exuberance, a child's playfulness, a baby's innocence, someone's wit, feelings of intimacy, feelings of nostalgia, a glass of wine on the right evening, a stirring in our sexuality, or, most deeply of all, an inchoate sense of the uniqueness and preciousness of human life itself.

We need to honor these things and thank God for the gift, even as we make ourselves aware that all of this is found more-richly inside of God and that we lose nothing when virtue, religion, or commitment ask us to sacrifice these things for something higher. Jesus, himself, promises that whatever we give up for the sake of what is higher will be given back to us a hundredfold. Knowing this, we can live our lives enjoying fully what is earthy and earthly. The beauties and pleasures of this life are a gift from God, meant to be enjoyed. Moreover, by being aware of their source, we can then also be free enough to accept the very real limits that life puts on our desires. Better still, we need not fear death since what we will lose will be eclipsed a hundredfold by what we gain.

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):
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A/c No 100027201

Reference: Your name

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BSB 066-782

A/c No 100000067

Reference: Your name

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INTEGRITY & SAFEGUARDING

We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being 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.

Mrs Helen Mumford
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Integrity and Safeguarding Dept
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SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Human beings will always struggle before the mystery of God, who is one but also three. Augustine's idea of the Trinity as a communion of love is a very rich and powerful image. Can our own communion of love with others teach us something of the life and love of the Trinity?

DID YOU KNOW?

- The early Christians struggled to understand the belief that God is both one and three. Many great councils of the church were held to clarify what this meant and to find the language with which to describe the trinitarian relationship between Father, Son and Spirit. It was not until the Council of Constantinople in ad 381 that the doctrine of the Trinity was defined.
- Many of the prayers of the church express our belief in a triune God (three persons in one). One of the greatest and most simple of these prayers is the sign of the cross.

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GOSPEL

John 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: *All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.*'

THE GOD OF ALL

The employees at an international publishing house specialising in encyclopaedias and world data were just as one could imagine – culturally diverse, well-educated, bookish, and respectful of others' beliefs and social mores. For a young Irish Catholic editor it was an eye-opening experience to be working alongside Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Universalist Unitarians, agnostics, atheists, Catholics and Protestants of every stripe, and one self-described Northumberland Danish communist.

Religion was rarely discussed, but, one day while riding in the lift together, the Hindu librarian and Catholic editor struck up a conversation about world events and political strife in the Middle East. "All these religious wars are so crazy," the Hindu commented. "After all, we all believe in the same God."

We do? the editor thought to herself. Well, not exactly, she concluded. But she had no intention of getting into a theological debate, and the more she thought about it, the more wisdom she uncovered in the librarian's insight. If we accept that there are truths emanating from the source of the universe, and all of us tap into these universal truths in varying ways, then, yes, we all believe in the same God – a God who defines love and who for Christians is love, in flesh and spirit from the beginning, now, and ever more..

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GOD AT PLAY

Jesus continued, "I still have many things to tell you, but you can't handle them now. But when the Friend comes, the Spirit of Truth, the Spirit will take you by the hand and guide you into all the truth there is."
(John 16: 12 - 13)

The solemnity of the Holy Trinity has been called an "idea feast." We are celebrating a doctrine, and not a moment in salvation history, so it may seem a little odd.

The doctrine of the Trinity emerged in opposition to heresies of the fourth and fifth centuries. It had been celebrated by the church for at least a thousand years. The reason the feast persists is because it is something of a wonder to think of God in this way: Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier. To say that all things come from a divine being is a claim most religions are willing to make. But Christianity goes farther than that. Much farther.

We say Jesus is Lord, the Wisdom of God, the Word of God made flesh. This is a big claim, to say God would and did become one of us. Then we go one step beyond and say God is still with us, right here in our assembly, dwelling in my being and yours. That is an even bigger claim, considering who I am, at least. (I can't speak for you.) I suspect we will keep on celebrating this mystery a while longer.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(16 - 22 June)

- **Monday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (Cor 6:1-10; Mt 5:38-42)
- **Tuesday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (2 Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48)
- **Wednesday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (2 Cor 9:6-11; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)
- **Thursday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (2 Cor 11:1-11; Mt 6:7-15)
- **Friday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 11 (2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Mt 6:19-23)
- **Saturday, 21:** St Aloysius Gonzaga (2 Cor 12:1-10; Mt 6:24-34)
- **Sunday 22:** The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST (*Corpus Christi*) (Gen 14:18-20; 1Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11-17)

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