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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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WEEKEND MASSES

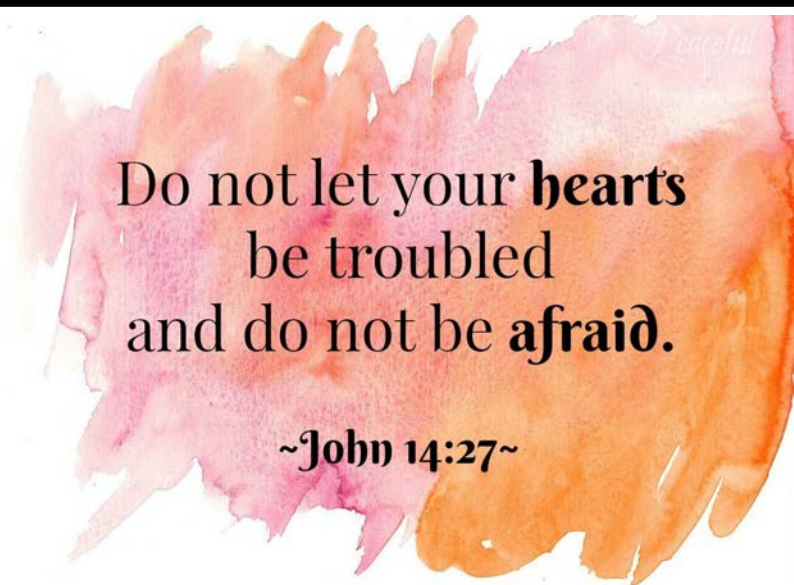
Kingscote at 9.30am

CONFESSION

Kingscote at 9.00am
(prior to Mass)

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Prayers for Healing and Renewal in
the Church - Thursdays at 9.30am



Do not let your hearts
be troubled
and do not be afraid.

~John 14:27~

FIRST READING

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we

have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. <R>
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. <R>
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. <R>

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve

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Bulletin Board

KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

May anniversaries: Bill Berden, Mary Bradley, Peter Bradley, Baby Burden, Henry Carslake, Bob Clare, Jaunito Cruz, Charles Darcy, Timothy Hamm, Lorraine Holohan, Brian Kildea, Mildred Lashmar, Anthony Lonzar, Peter Lonzar, Dorothy McMahon, John Reynolds, Vikki Reynolds, Fiona Smith, Ann Wallace, Sr Pauline Wallace, John Williams, Heather Willmott, Ross Wohling

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
25/05	S Semmler	L Grant	C Berden
01/06	P Clark	Wendy	C Berden
08/06	K Hammat		C Berden

PRIEST ROSTER

25 May	Fr Lancy D'Silva
01 Jun	TBA

ANCHORED IN CHRIST

The YMG Men's Conference 2025, themed 'Anchored in Christ', is set to inspire men aged 18 and above with a day of spiritual growth and fellowship. The conference will be held on Saturday June 14 from 8.00am to 7.30pm at Cardijn College, Marian Campus, Noarlunga Downs. For more details and registration - ymgadelade@gmail.com

WORLD REFUGEE DAY - FINDING FREEDOM:

DIVERSITY IN COMMUNITY

Each year on June 20, the world celebrates World Refugee Day (WRD). This day is designated by the United Nations to honour refugees who have been forced to flee their homes and to promote solidarity with them for a 'world where refugees are welcomed'.

BIRTHLINE PREGNANCY SUPPORT

Do you have the passion and commitment to assisting women navigating crisis during pregnancy or

coping with pregnancy loss? At Birthline, we're searching for caring, empathetic volunteers to join our team of telephone counsellors. Whether you have prior experience or are completely new to counselling, our free 10-week Telephone Counselling Course will equip you with the skills and confidence needed to support those in need.

If counselling or a commitment to weekly training isn't the right fit for you, there are other volunteer opportunities available. For enquiries email tcc@birthline.org.au, phone 0413 380 883 or check the website: birthline.org.au

LIFE FM's BUDDY BLANKETS



Imagine having no place to go, nothing to keep you dry, and struggling to keep warm overnight this winter?

This is where YOU can help make a difference. When you finish using your foil chip packets, wash and dry them and leave them in the box at the back the Church. The silver lining in chip packets reflect body heat, creating a warm waterproof blanket that's easily folded to carry.

All buddy blankets made will be donated to provide relief from the cold this winter.

PEACE

(John 14: 23 - 29)

Christ's farewell gift to those he loves is peace. But what is this peace?

Jesus distinguishes between his gift of peace and what the world offers under the same name. Although he encourages his followers not to feel distress or fear, he is not peddling mere peace of mind. Jesus promises that the one who is true to his word out of love will know the indwelling presence of God. When we shake hands at the sign of peace during

Mass, are we blessing each other with the hope that a holy peace may enliven us and penetrate the world through us? Are we inviting God's peace to dwell in us so that "it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me"?

Maybe we are not ready for this peace yet. Maybe there is still a war going on; that is, whether or not we want the Spirit of Christ to take up residence within us.

Questions for Reflection

- What role does the Holy Spirit play in your life?
- How does the church help reveal the light of God's glory to you in this day and age?
- What do you intend to offer to your neighbour at the sign of peace at Mass?

CALENDAR 2025

May dates

- Sunday May 25 Pope Leo takes possession of his Cathedral in Rome.
- Sunday May 25 - 5th anniversary of Archbishop Patrick O'Regan being installed as Archbishop in Adelaide.
- Monday May 26 - Sorry Day (a day of healing) - to commemorate and lament the Stolen Generations of Indigenous children forcibly removed from their families over many decades in the 20th century.
- Tuesday May 27 begins National Reconciliation Week in Australia.

9 Jun	King's birthday holiday
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

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JESUS – CHECKING OUR EMOTIONS

There is a poignant scene in the series *The Chosen* which, irrespective of our reaction to it, demands reflection.

This is the scene: Just before curing Peter's mother-in-law of a fever, Jesus has a private conversation with Peter's wife. He begins by telling her that he knows how close they are to each other as husband and wife and then expresses his sympathy to her for the fact that his call has effectively taken Peter out of their house. Then in a gentle tone he asks her how she feels about this. Her answer assures him that, while there is pain, she (like her husband) will willingly make the sacrifice.

Among other things, this sheds light on the fact that when one individual (like Peter) leaves all to follow Christ, he doesn't pay the cost alone. Those close to him also pay a price. What did it cost the wives of apostles when Jesus called their husbands?

Moreover, this incident (albeit expressed fictionally here) sheds some needed light on how Jesus is not indifferent to the emotional crucifixions we sometimes undergo in order to respond to his call. It assures us that Jesus understands and gives us divine permission not to feel guilty about the pain we feel.

No doubt many will challenge the value of this scene from *The Chosen* since it is not historical (in so far as we know) but merely a fictional creation. Did the historical Jesus ever have this kind of a conversation with Peter's wife or the wife of any of his apostles?

However, whether or not this scene is historical is not the point here. The point is that Jesus would not have been callous or indifferent to the pain of the wives and others whom the apostles left behind to follow him.

Mostly we avoid probing this question because we tend to take too literally some of Jesus' sayings about leaving behind father, mother, wife, and children to follow him. For example, at one point Jesus says this: "If you come to me but will not leave your family, you cannot be my follower. You must love me more than your father, mother, wife, children, brothers, and sisters—even more than your own life!" (Luke 14:25-27). Perhaps even colder and more callous in its literal expression, is this Gospel text: "He said to another man, 'Follow Me.' The man replied, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus told him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead. You, however, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Still another said, 'I will follow You, Lord; but first let me bid farewell to my family.' Jesus replied, 'No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.'" (Luke 9, 60-62)

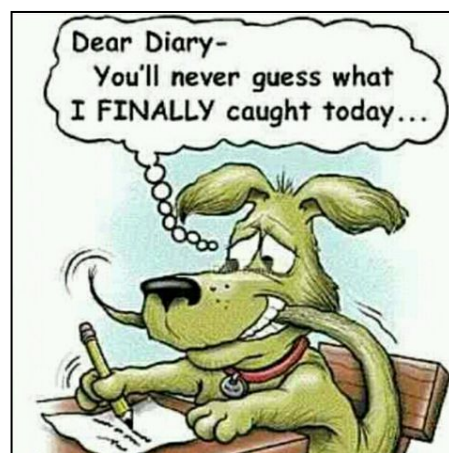
It is easy to misunderstand what Jesus is saying here about not looking back while following him. The images he employs are stark, cold, and emotionally brutal. But these are images, not literal spiritual counsels. The hard, brute emotional choices that one must sometimes make in fidelity to the Gospels might aptly be named as emotional crucifixion. In choosing Jesus we also choose the cross and there is real death, and the pain involved here cannot be softened or explained away.

However, and this is crucial to grasp, the choices we make to renounce ourselves and give ourselves over in genuine self-sacrifice are not made at the psychological or emotional level. Those choices are made at a deeper level, a moral level, where something deeper than our emotions and feelings rules and can for the sake of a deeper meaning and a deeper happiness, override the emotional and the psychological.

Thus, when Jesus says, if you come to me but will not leave your family, you cannot be my follower, he is addressing our deepest moral centre, that place inside us where we ultimately choose right from wrong and meaning from emptiness. He is not addressing our emotions. He is not challenging us to an unhealthy emotional stoicism.

In challenging us to give up everything to become his disciple, Jesus is not dismissive of the emotional and psychological pain that this will cause us. When he invites us to take up his cross and follow him, he understands this will be an emotional crucifixion. But, in offering us the challenge, at the same time, he gives us permission to feel without guilt the brute affective pain of that choice on our emotions. He is not challenging us to a cold, inhuman stoicism, where for the love of God we are not supposed to feel the pain of losing precious relationships and precious freedoms. Like the Jesus in *The Chosen*, compassionately checking with Peter's wife as to where her emotions were vis-à-vis what Jesus is asking of them, Jesus is offering each of us the challenge of self-renunciation and at the same time checking with us how we are dealing emotionally with it.

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

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

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Priests and Parish Facilities.

CHILD PROTECTION

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.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- The meaning of the word advocate is 'one who is summoned to help another'.
- Another term commonly used for the Holy Spirit is Paraclete, which comes from a Greek term meaning 'called to the side of' and so has the same meaning as advocate.
- In the Hebrew Scriptures, peace was one of the distinguishing marks of the time of the Messiah—a time when swords would be made into ploughshares (Isaiah 2:4) and the wolf would live with the lamb (Isaiah 11:6). Jesus' gift of peace confirms that he is the longed-for Messiah.

KIDS' CORNER

Uncle Roy had time off from the marine rescue, so he joins Marcus' family at Mass. His deep singing voice fills the church. Later, Marcus says, "You should sing in a rock group. You could be famous." Uncle Roy smiles. "No, God put seafaring in my heart. My job is exciting. Sometimes, we search stormy seas and rescue people from shipwrecks," he says. "Wow!" says Marcus. "That's better than being a rock star."

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gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

THE LAUGH'S ON US

My sister's friend Natalie was the richest girl in our town, mainly

because most of her father's property was owned by trusts in her name. She and her mother even had streets named after them. Rose Avenue and Natalie Lane. Once a week in summer, Natalie's mum invited the nuns who taught us years ago in primary school to come for a swim in the built-in pool in the backyard. Natalie, my sister, and I would sit up in Natalie's bedroom and spy on the sisters as they relaxed in the pool. "Sister Cordelia has red hair!" my sister exclaimed the first time we saw our year five teacher without her veil. "And look," Natalie added, "she's laughing!"

We had never before considered these women in any other light than strict disciplinarians and educators whose sole purpose was to drill the fundamentals of English and math into our tiny pates and remind us that we were put on earth to know, love, and serve God so that we might be happy with God in heaven.

The idea that happiness and laughter could be expressed here and now by serious followers of Christ like the Sisters of Mercy was a true revelation.

It is easy to forget that Jesus, too, felt joy and peace despite his very serious mission. And joy and peace is what he offers to all who love and serve him.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(26 May - 1 June)

- **Monday, 26:** Sr Philip Neri (Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 - 16:4)
- **Tuesday, 27:** Tuesday, 6th week of Easter (Acts 16:22-34; Lk 16:5-11)
- **Wednesday, 28:** Wednesday, 6th week of Easter (Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1; Jn 16:12-15)
- **Thursday, 29:** Thursday, 6th week of Easter (Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20)
- **Friday, 30:** Friday, 6th week of Easter (Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23)
- **Saturday, 31:** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Zeph 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-56)
- **Sunday 01:** The ASCENSION of the LORD (Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53)

PASTORAL CARE

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