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WEEKEND MASSES

Kingscote at 9.30am

CONFESSION

Kingscote at 9.00am (prior to Mass)

INTEGRITY & SAFEGUARDING

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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(8210 8150 - select option 2)

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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

Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R)
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no

evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R)

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Eph 1:17,18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

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Bulletin Board

KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Brianna Chudlee, Annette Roestenburg, Michelle Glynn, Rebecca Semler, MaryAnne Higgs, Peter Barker

Recently deceased: Chris Heath

October anniversaries: Murray Brook, Leo Clark, William Commerford, Trish Dennes, Jean Clark, Clifford Dow, Barry Dunn, Leo Dunn, Katarina Faist, James Gibbs, Mary Alice Gibbs, Rosie Grace, Harry Hughes, Thomas Hughes, Kath Hutton, Licci Longzaer, Philis Lorimer, John Lowry, Winifred Lydon, Mary Morrissey, Noel Perkins, Harry Rich, Alf Rombout, Betty Walsh, Bernard Williams, Ethel Willson, Joan Wilson, Leonica Cruz Esplana .

Please pray for all the faithful departed and may all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ.

PRIEST ROSTER

Oct 11 Fr Robert Reidling

WHAT'S ON

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 Appeal
11 Dec School term 4 ends
25 Dec Christmas Day

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.



This year marks the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday, with the theme "One in Christ, United in Mission." The Catholic Mission Appeal held in October will support communities in Malawi, helping with rebuilding, education, farming and healthcare. We invite you to support this important appeal - every gift, large or small, can make a difference. Thank you for your generosity.

Catholic Mission also supports indigenous people here in Australia eg, the work of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC). NATSICC is the peak advisory body to the Australian Catholic Bishops on issues relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics.



ST CARLO ACUTIS

12th October

St Carlo Acutis was a teenager who loved the Eucharist, cared deeply for others and used his computer skills to share the Catholic faith. He created a website documenting Eucharistic miracles around the world. Carlo enjoyed ordinary teenage activities, including video games, but lived his faith with great joy. He died of acute leukaemia at just 15, offering his suffering for the Pope and the Church.

The life of Carlo Acutis reminds us that holiness is possible at any age. "To be always united to Jesus. This is my program for life."

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Pope Leo calls on Catholics to support the Church's mission through prayer and practical help. Celebrated on October 18 this year, World Mission Sunday will mark 100 years since its establishment by Pope Pius XI in 1926.

World Mission Sunday holds a special place in the Pope's life, having helped shape his missionary journey.

"I remember celebrating World Mission Sunday when I was a boy in the United States," Pope Leo said. The prayers offered each year "mysteriously helped prepare my heart to hear Jesus's call and to follow Him as an Augustinian missionary." He added that the prayers and contributions of the faithful "sustained and encouraged my missionary ministry in Peru."

"So I express my heartfelt gratitude to all who have supported the missions through World Mission Sunday over the years," Pope Leo said.

Excerpt from "Cath News"

MASS ROSTERS

Date	Readers/Prayers	Special Ministers	Cleaners
11 Oct	P Bennett, M Glynn	A Bevan, H Mumford	H Mumford
18 Oct	A Clark, W Bennett	L Grant, K Hammat	H Mumford
25 Oct	M Slagter, L Grant	P Bennett, A Bevan	C Brinkley
1 Nov	P Bennett, K Hammat	S Semler, M Slagter	C Brinkley
8 Nov	S Heath, A Clark	M Slagter, L Grant	C Brinkley
15 Nov	S Semler, L Grant	H Mumford, K Hammat	C Brinkley
22 Nov	K Hammat, M Glynn	W Bennett, S Semler	C Brinkley
29 Nov	S Semler, L Grant	P Bennett, W Bennett	A Clark
6 Dec	P Clark, W Bennett	A Bevan, H Mumford	A Clark
13 Dec	K Hammat, S Semler	P Bennett, L Grant	A Clark
20 Dec	S Heath, P Bennett	S Semler, K Hammat	A Clark
25 Dec	... Please put your name on the sheets in the Church ...		
27 Dec	M Slagter, W Bennett	K Hammat, S Semler	A Clark





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

RELATING TO OUR LOVED ONES AFTER THEY DIE

In nineteen seventy-nine, Sheldon Vanauken published a book entitled *A Severe Mercy*; in it he tells the story of the death of his wife, Davey. The book is an account of an extraordinary romance, cut short while still in full bloom by Davey's premature death.

This story has intrigued many people, both because of the extraordinary relationship between Sheldon and Davey before her death and because of the relationship between them after her death.

Vanauken describes how after her death he still felt her presence strongly and vividly. She was gone, in that brutal and irrevocable way death takes loved ones away, but he still felt her presence—as real as he had before she died.

In the early months after her death, her presence to him was constant, guiding, sure, consoling, the same as it had been while she was alive. She had died, but inside himself he felt her present – as wife, lover, best friend, soulmate. And during those months he always carried her wedding ring in his pocket, which he fingered tenderly many times each day. Touching it helped keep him aware of her presence.

One day, while on a ship crossing the Atlantic, he felt her presence change. In the silence of his heart and soul, he felt her speaking to him, telling him that, up to now, they had needed that kind of presence with each other, but that this now needed to change. They needed to move to a different plane in their relationship. She was telling him that she needed to “let him go” in the way she had been present to him until now and she needed to ask him to “let her go” in the way they

were now present to each other. It was a difficult moment, but Sheldon understood its meaning. He took the ring from his pocket and quietly dropped it into the ocean.

From then onward, Davey was still present to him, but now in a new way. Her presence now was less explicit, though not more distant. Now her presence was less that of the earthly wife, soulmate, and best friend, and more the presence of a person who loves you and holds you in a way that's harder to describe.

Thousands of persons who have lost loved ones to death, including myself, can identify with that story, both in terms of feeling the presence of a deceased loved one inside ourselves, and in terms of feeling this relationship, at a point, develop and move to a new plane.

In my own case, I lost both parents when I was twenty-three years old. For nearly two years, like Sheldon Vanauken, I felt their presence as sure, guiding, and parental (they were still very much my mom and dad, still very much with me); though, in my case, it was not always a consoling and warm presence. The pain of their loss would occasionally bring me feelings and tears that were not warm. My mom and dad were still with me, but at this early stage their deaths still left a cold scar.

However, sometime between the first and second year after their deaths this changed. For me, unlike for Vanauken, there wasn't a clear moment when this happened. It happened gradually and imperceptibly, their presence to me and within me changed.

But, parallel to Vanauken's experience, what I experienced was a shift in presence from one plane to

another. I still felt their presence, just as before, but now something had let go, even as something else took its place.

I felt their presence now as a deep consolation and their loss no longer hurt as before. I no longer felt a need to pray for them. Instead, now I felt a need (which I still feel today) to pray to them.

They were still my parents, but something had changed. I hesitate to use words to describe this because they might sound vague and wishful, but what I felt can only be characterised this way: They were still my parents—alive, deeply concerned for me, and more present in my life than they ever could be while still in this life. But now I felt that presence as something higher, more universally shared with others, and more tied to God's love and presence to me. It became harder to differentiate their presence from the general feeling of divine providence that I sense in my life,

I come from a large family. Basically, all my siblings had a similar experience. Moreover, many people have shared similar stories concerning how they continue to feel their relationships with their deceased loved ones change and grow even after their deaths.

Vanauken's story of an ongoing, developing relationship with a loved one who has died is paralleled everywhere. Relationships continue to grow and develop even after death. Exotic stuff? No! *Tis the stuff of dogma*. One of the essential articles of our faith teaches that death doesn't end a relationship.

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):
Kangaroo Island DPF - CDF
Account 14870 S7.65
BSB 066-782
A/c No 100027201
Reference: Your name

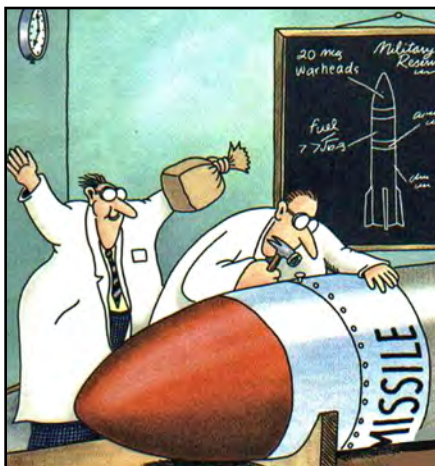
2nd Collection (Support for Parish):
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BSB 066-782
A/c No 100000067
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Thank you for your ongoing support of our Priests and Parish Facilities.



God will supply whatever you need, in accord with God's glorious riches in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4: 19)

It seems like everyone on Josh's baseball team has two or three expensive bats and brand-new gloves. Except Josh. He has one bat that his mum found at a garage sale. His glove is a hand-me-down from his cousin. But today, Josh made a spectacular catch at third base with his old glove. And he hit two home runs with his garage sale bat. Some of the kids asked if they can try Josh's bat. After the game, Josh realises that he doesn't need fancy new equip-ment. He already has everything he needs. *GPBS eNews*



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GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

DID YOU KNOW?

- The wedding banquet is a commonly used image for the kingdom of God in the Hebrew and the Christian Scriptures. The feast was a symbol of the abundance to be provided by God for those who have faith.
- A Jewish wedding celebration often lasted for as long as a week, which may explain why some were reluctant to attend. Like living in the kingdom, it was demanding!

EXPLORING THE WORD

There are two parables in today's gospel. The first is about the invited guests who are too preoccupied with their own business and affairs to come to the prepared feast. When we consider the length of time that guests may be involved in celebration, especially one given by a wealthy king, this is more understandable. The response of the invited guests, the chosen people, was to kill the messengers, an echo of last week's gospel where the people of Israel rejected the prophets. The second parable, in the longer version of the gospel, is about the one who came but did not bother to change into his wedding garments. In both, the reaction of the king seems somewhat extreme! But the parables make an important point about the invitation being offered by God: those who do not bother to respond will lose their invitation; those who accept but fail to change their way of life (their clothes) will also lose out. This text warns that Christian life is a web made up of God's gracious invitation and our free response.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(12 October - 19 October)

- **Monday, 12:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 28 (Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 - 5:1; Lk 11:29-32)
- **Tuesday, 13:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 28 (Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41)
- **Wednesday, 14:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 28 (Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46)
- **Thursday, 15:** St Teresa of Jesus (Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54)
- **Friday, 16:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 28 (Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7)
- **Saturday, 17:** St Ignatius of Antioch (Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12)
- **Sunday 18:** 29th Sunday Ordinary Time (Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21)

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