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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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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 56:1, 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

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

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word.

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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

July anniversaries: Alma Adams, Mary Banner, Joyce Bowbridge, Jimmy Browne, Steven Browne, Terence Browne, David Buick, Irene Darcy, Don Christie, John Commerford, David Cooper, Allan Forst, Paul Glynn Jr, Henry Hughes, Annemie Huys, Mary Kildea, Hazel Keitel, Daniel Lydon, Dot May, John Mertens, Rebecca Murch, Lorna Murphy, Winifred O'Daly, Margaret Rich, Joseph Ryan, Simon Slagter, Chris Slattery, Kathy Slotegraaf, Florence Tabor, Bracken Walker, Bill Willson, Owen Willson, Bill Roestenberg

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

PRIEST ROSTER

Aug 16 Fr Roman Palma
Aug 23 Fr Vincent Wijesuriya



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.

MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

If you or someone you know is celebrating a milestone (5th, 10th, 15th, 50th, 55th, 70th etc) marriage this year, we invite you to let us know your details so they can be acknowledged by a special anniversary certificate signed by the Archbishop and celebrated at the Anniversaries Mass on the weekend of 20th and 21st of September. Please let Christine Weatherstone know by 1 September if you are interested.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Saturday, 15 August

At the core of our faith is the belief, based on the biblical accounts, that Christ experienced a bodily resurrection from the dead and ascended, while still in bodily form, to heaven. Mary was taken up (assumed) into heaven and it confirms that this extraordinary reversal of death is not limited to Christ. If Mary can end up in heaven, body and soul, so can we who share in her humanity.

May Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, assumed into Heaven, pray for us, now and at the hour of our death. Amen!

WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

19th August

"Strengthening Global Solidarity and Empowering Local Communities."

This is a time to honour humanitarian workers and to stand with people affected by crises around the world. When lives are at risk, the people who come to help should never be targets. Yet humanitarian workers continue to be killed, injured, abducted, detained and obstructed while carrying out their work.

Below is the story of one such worker, an Australian in Ukraine.

"Cardinal Mykola Bychok visited the Alley of Heroes cemetery in Ukraine

and prayed at the grave of Australian volunteer Samuel Michael Pedrazzini, who was killed on June 13 while serving as a combat medic with the Ukrainian Armed Forces. Born in Lismore and a former Australian soldier, Pedrazzini trained Ukrainian troops before volunteering as a combat medic in Ukraine, where he became known for his courage, professionalism, selflessness and love for the Ukrainian people. Cardinal Bychok commended his soul to God and remembered all foreign volunteers who have given their lives defending Ukraine's freedom and independence."

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We pray for humanitarian workers everywhere. Give them courage in their work and give hope to those they are endeavouring to help.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST For Mutual Co- existence



Let us pray that societies, where coexistence seems more difficult, might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

WHAT'S ON

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 Appeal
11 Dec School term 4 ends
25 Dec Christmas Day



MASS ROSTERS

Date	Readers/Prayers	Special Ministers	Cleaners
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
4 October	M Slagter, W Bennett	K Hammat, S Semler	H Mumford



Ron Rolheiser column

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SPIRITUALITY AND STEADINESS

Something in us is dissatisfied with the ordinary. There's something in the ordinary that can have us think that predictable routines, domestic rhythms, and commitment to duty can weigh us down, swallow us up, and anchor us outside the more rewarding waters of passion, romance, creativity, dance, and celebration.

We often vilify the ordinary. I remember a young woman, a student of mine, who shared in class that her greatest fear in life was to succumb to the ordinary, "to end up content, a little housewife and mother, *happily doing laundry commercials!*"

If you're an artist or have an artistic temperament, you're prone to this kind of feeling. That's one of the propensities of an artist. Doris Lessing, for example, once made the comment that George Eliot could have been a better writer "if she hadn't been so moral." What Lessing is suggesting is that Eliot kept herself too anchored in the ordinary, too safe, too secure, too far from the edges.

Kathleen Norris, in her biographical work *The Virgin of Bennington*, shares how as a young writer she fell victim to this kind of ideology: "Artists, I believed were much too serious to live sane and normal lives. Driven by inexorable forces in an uncaring world, they were destined for an inevitable, sometimes deadly, but always ennobling wrestle with gloom and doom."

An ennobling wrestle with gloom and doom! That does have a seductive sound to it, particularly for those of us who fancy ourselves as artistic, intellectual, or spiritual. That's why on a given day any of us can feel a certain condescending

pity for those who achieve simple happiness. Easy for them, we think, but they're selling themselves short! That's the artist inside of us speaking. You've never seen an artist doing a laundry commercial!

Don't get me wrong. Not all of this is bad. Jesus, himself, said that we do not live by bread alone. No artist needs that explained. He or she knows that safe routine, drudgery, and a mortgage that's been paid, alone do not necessarily make for heaven. We need bread, but we also need beauty, colour, and celebration.

Doris Lessing, who was a great artist, joined the communist party as a young woman but later left it after she'd matured. Why did she leave? One phrase says it all. She left the communist party, she says, "*because they didn't believe in colour!*"

Life, Jesus assures us, is not meant to be lived in black and white, that is, as simply an endless cycle of rising, showering, going off to work, responsibly doing a job, coming home, having supper, getting things set for the next day, and then going back to bed.

And yet, there is much to be said for that seemingly drudgery routine. The rhythm of the ordinary is, in the end, the deepest wellspring from which to draw joy and meaning. Kathleen Norris, after telling us about her youthful temptation to side-step the ordinary to engage in the more ennobling battle with gloom and doom, shares how a wonderful mentor, Betty Kray, helped steer her clear of that pitfall. Kray encouraged her to write out of her joy as well as her gloom and to "dismiss the romance of insanity as a sham." As Norris puts it: "She tried hard to convince me of what her friends who had been institutionalised for madness knew all too well: that the clean simple appreciation of ordinary, daily things is a treasure

like none on earth."

Sometimes a different mentor teaches us this. When we regain our health and energy after having been ill, off work, and out of our normal routines and rhythms, nothing is as sweet as returning to the ordinary – our work, our routine, the normal stuff of everyday life. Only after it has been taken away and then given back, do we realise that the clean, simple appreciation of daily things is the ultimate treasure.

Artists, though, are still partially right. The ordinary can weigh us down, and keep us outside the deeper waters of creativity, of romance, of colour, and of the wildness that lets us dance. But, that being admitted, anchors and weight also have a positive function. They keep us from being swept away. They anchor our sanity. They keep us steady. The rhythm of the ordinary is perhaps the most powerful anchor of all to hold us in sanity.

Paul Simon, in a 1970s song entitled, *An American Tune*, sings about coping with confusion, mistakes, betrayal, and other events that shatter our innocence. And he ends that rather sad ballad quite peacefully with the words: "*Still tomorrow's gonna be another working day, and I'm trying to get some rest. That's all I'm trying, is to get some rest.*"

Obedience to that imperative helps anchor our sanity. There's much to be said about being a contented, ordinary person, anchored in the rhythms of the ordinary, trying at the end of the workday to get some rest.

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



God loves every one of us and invites us all to share in the life of heaven. God's Kingdom is open to everyone. We are reminded that God's house is a "house of prayer." And in God's house of prayer, everyone is welcome. That means everyone, no matter where you come from, how much money your family has, what your home is like, or whether you are young or old, feeling well or unwell, popular or unsure, loud or quiet, confident or shy. There is a place for everyone in God's house. No one is left out. No one is forgotten. Everyone belongs.

What a wonderful place to be!

Loving God, thank you for inviting me to your house! GPBS eNews



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And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.'

But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

YOU BELONG HERE!

Jesus ignored her. The disciples protested, "Now she's bothering us. Would you please take care of her? She's driving us crazy." Jesus refused, telling them, "I've got my hands full dealing with the lost sheep of Israel." Then the woman came back to Jesus, went to her knees, begging. "Master, help me. Jesus gave in. "Oh woman, your faith is something else. What you want is what you get!" Right then her daughter became well.

God loves every one of us and invites us into a community where everyone has a place. The Gospel reminds us that God's house is a "house of prayer" and that house is not reserved for a select few. It is open to everyone.

That sounds beautiful. But it also gives us a challenge.

What does it actually feel like to walk through the doors of our parish? Do people feel noticed, welcomed and valued? Can a young family arrive with noisy children and feel completely at home? Can someone who has been away from Church for years walk back in without feeling judged? Can an older person, a newcomer, a person who feels different, someone carrying a heavy story or someone simply wondering where they belong find a place among us?

The invitation of Jesus is bigger than simply having an open door. It is about creating a community where people genuinely know they belong.

Our parishes cannot be places where people have to fit a certain mould before they are welcomed. We are called to be communities where dignity comes before judgement, hospitality comes before assumption and relationship comes before rules.

Everyone belongs here. Not because everyone is the same, but because every person is valued, loved and created with dignity.

Perhaps the question for us is not simply, "Who comes to our parish?" but "Who might still be wondering whether there is a place for them here?" And what are we going to do about it?

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DID YOU KNOW?

- The cities of Tyre and Sidon were the leading towns of ancient Phoenicia. Both cities were on the Mediterranean coast of what is now modern Lebanon. The Phoenicians were descendants of the even more ancient Canaanites who populated the area earlier.
- Israel despised the Canaanites. It loathed the Canaanite religion with its pagan gods and fertility cults and found many of their practices abominable.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS (17 - 23 August)

- **Monday, 17:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22)
- **Tuesday, 18:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30)
- **Wednesday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 20 (Ezek 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16)
- **Thursday, 20:** St Bernard (Ezek 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14)
- **Friday, 21:** St Pius X (Ezek 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40)
- **Saturday, 22:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Ezek 43:1-7; Mt 23:1-12)
- **Sunday 23:** 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20)

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