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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 which is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and adults at risk.

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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FIRST READING

Acts 2:14, 22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not

abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: "You are my God." O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize." <R>
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. <R>
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. <R>
4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. <R>

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he

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Bulletin Board

KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

April anniversaries:

Josephine Bannan, Ray Bannan, Elizabeth Black, Wilma Buick, Karen Cairney, Gwen Chalmers, Ambrose Clark, Robert Clark, Tony (Noxy) Clark, Francis Clarke, Catherine Commerford, Sarah Cunningham, Jimmy Dow, Tate Furniss, Monika Gibbs, Lynne McArdle, Mary O'Brien, Norah Ridge, Verna Trethewey, Beryl Williams, Albert Willson, Keith 'Hoppy' Willson, Jim Higgs.

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

PRIEST ROSTER

19 April Fr Matthew Newman

RAFFLE



The Guild is holding a new "Squares" fundraiser to support the end-of-year Maths Prize. Squares are on sale for \$2 each. Your generous support would be very much appreciated.

THE MOMENT YOU ALMOST MISSED

It was a normal Tuesday. Nothing remarkable on the timetable, nothing extra special in the parish calendar. Just the usual rush of getting out the door, messages half read, conversations half finished.

At school, a student sat quietly at the back of the room, headphones in, disengaged. At church that evening, a

family slipped into the last pew, arriving late, leaving early. No one thought much of either moment. It was just how things were. But later that day, something small shifted.

A teacher paused instead of pushing on with the lesson and asked a simple question, then waited long enough for a real answer. A parishioner, instead of heading straight to the car, turned back and introduced themselves to the family in the last pew. Neither moment took more than a minute.

What no one could see was what happened next. The student came back the next day a little more open. The family returned the following week, this time arriving earlier, lingering a little longer. Nothing dramatic. No instant transformation. Just a quiet change in direction.

It is easy to think that impact requires something big, something visible, something measurable. But more often, it begins in moments like these. A pause. A question. A decision to notice rather than move on.

We live in a world that rewards speed and efficiency. Keep going. Get through it. Move on to the next thing. But the cost is that we can miss the very moments that matter most.

The truth is that people are not looking for perfection. They are looking to be seen. And sometimes, the difference between feeling invisible and feeling valued is one small act of attention.

So here is the challenge. Today, resist the instinct to rush past. Notice who is on the edge. Notice who arrives quietly and leaves unnoticed. And choose, even once, to stop.

Because that moment you almost missed might be the moment that changes something for someone else. And perhaps, for you as well.

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HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

For priests in crisis



Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment

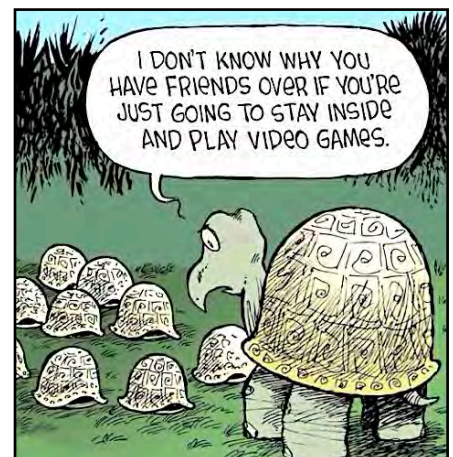
they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

WHAT'S ON

- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 27 Apr School term 2 begins
- 17 May St Vincent de Paul Appeal
- 8 Jun King's Birthday
- 28 Jun Holy Father's Appeal
- 3 Jul End school term 2
- 5 Jul NATSICC Appeal
- 12 Jul Stella Maris - Appeal
- 20 Jul Beginning school term 3
- 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 (Catholic Charities Special Appeal)
- 26 Dec Proclamation Day

MASS ROSTERS

Date	Readers/Prayers	Special Ministers	Cleaners
19 April	A Clark, W Bennett	L Grant, K Hammat	A Clark
26 April	M Slagter, L Grant	P Bennett, A Clark	A Clark
03 May	P Bennett, K Hammat	S Semler, W Bennett	C Berden
10 May	H Mumford, A Clark	M Slagter, L Grant	C Berden
17 May	S Semler, L Grant	H Mumford, A Clark	C Berden
24 May	K Hammat, M Glynn	W Bennett, S Semler	C Berden
31 May	S Semler, L Grant	P Bennett, M Slagter	C Berden
7 June	P Clark, W Bennett	L Grant, H Mumford	H Mumford





Ron Rolheiser column

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OUR PROBLEMS WITH FAITH TODAY – A DIAGNOSIS AND A PRESCRIPTION

In 2007, Charles Taylor wrote a book entitled, *A Secular Age* which gave us a clear and comprehensive analysis of the secular age we live in and the implications of that for our faith. More than a thousand years before that an unknown author in the fourteenth century wrote a book, *The Cloud of Unknowing*, that (in way that doesn't initially leap out at you) answers the fundamental question Taylor left us with.

I had read both Taylor's book and *The Cloud of Unknowing* without making a connection between the two. That connection was pointed out to me by a doctoral student whose thesis I am directing. Her thesis? She is interfacing Taylor's analysis of secularity with the fundamental insight of the unknown author of *The Cloud of Unknowing*. Here's her thesis in capsule:

One of the ways Taylor defines our secular age is this: "The shift to secularity consists of a move from a society where belief in God is unchallenged and unproblematic to one in which it is understood to be one option among others – and frequently not the one that is easiest to embrace." Taylor suggests that two things are conspiring to produce this.

First, we now are what he calls "buffered persons", that is, we have moved from "a self who is vulnerable to many religious fears and superstitions to a self that is buffered from all the 'spirits' within the enchanted world." I'm old enough to have been brought up in that enchanted world where spirits, demons, and supernatural powers lived under every rock, where you sprinkled holy water around the house during a lightning storm.

Second, for Taylor, we now live inside what he calls an "immanent

worldview", where our secularised world gives us the idea that there is no other world than this one and we don't need anything beyond this world to achieve full flourishing, meaning, and happiness.

Taylor, a devout Christian, concludes by saying that this new situation doesn't constitute a crisis of faith, but rather a *crisis of imagination*. The old imaginaries within which we imagined our faith don't serve us anymore. We need a new imagination within which to picture our faith.

And from where can we draw this new imagination? According to my doctoral student, the new imagination we need within which to re-picture our faith can be drawn from the fundamental counsel given us in *The Cloud of Unknowing*. But this isn't immediately evident.

On the surface, what this unknown fourteenth century writer advocates is a simple prayer practice, not unlike what many today call "centring prayer", where you go to prayer without any agenda, request, or words. You just sit in silence, without expectation, simply trusting that God will give you what you really need.

However, for the author of *The Cloud* this is not just a simple prayer practice, it's a basic stance before life itself. It's a stance of radical honesty, of radical sincerity, where you stand naked in soul before yourself, life, and God. What's being said here?

In short, because of our buffered persons and our immanent consciousness, we are almost never fully naked in soul, almost never fully sincere (*sine cere* – without wax), never fully ourselves. It is rare for us to get beneath all the distractions, ideologies, cultural obsessions, traumas, daydreams, and groupthink that seemingly forever colour our consciousness.

What *The Cloud* advocates is that we, as our habitual stance before reality, try to strip away everything that's not true in us in an attempt to stand outside of all of our distractions and defences, naked in soul, helpless to think or imagine, just asking life and God to give us what we cannot even imagine is best for us.

Taylor suggests that we need a new imagination within which again to picture our faith. *The Cloud* suggests that the new imagination we need will not be the result of intellectually thinking ourselves into a new way of imaging our faith. Rather, that new imagination will be given us when we stand before God, naked in spirit, devoid of our own imagination, and helpless to help ourselves. Then, paradoxically, when we can no longer help ourselves, we can be helped from what is beyond our buffered selves and the virtual immanent prison within which we live. Life and God can now flow into us, and flow into us in an untainted way, precisely because we are standing naked, helpless and unknowing, before the mystery of ourselves, life, and God.

John of the Cross words this invitation this way: *Learn to understand more by not understanding than by understanding*.

What this means is that, paradoxically, faith starts at precisely that place where we are tempted to think it stops, namely, at that place where we find ourselves naked and helpless to imagine faith and God.

What's our real struggle for faith today? Charles Taylor gives us a *diagnosis*. What are we to do inside this struggle? *The Cloud of Unknowing* gives us a *prescription*.

You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: www.ronrolheiser.com

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

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



Mrs. Ortega asked her class to share what they want to be when they grow up. Some students said they want to be professional athletes; a few said singers; one said a doctor. When it was Sarah's turn to share, she looked nervous. She paused for a moment saying, "What if I don't know?" Mrs. Ortega gave her a soft smile. "Don't worry, Sarah. God will show you. You can try many different things and ask God to help you through it!" Sarah smiled at this. If she trusts God and herself, Sarah knows she can do anything she sets her mind to!

Loving God, help me to see your plans for me. *GPBS eNews*



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has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us, make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the

tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(20 - 30 April)

- **Monday, 24:** Mon 3rd week Easter (Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29)
- **Tuesday, 25:** Tues 3rd week Easter (Acts 7:51-8:1; Jn 6:30-35)
- **Wednesday, 26:** Wed 3rd week Easter (Acts 8:1-8; Jn 6:35-40)
- **Thursday, 27:** Thur 3rd week Easter (Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51)
- **Friday, 28:** Fri 3rd week Easter (Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59)
- **Saturday, 29:** ANZAC Day (Wis 3:1-9; 1Cor 1:18-25; Jn 12:23-28)
- **Sunday 30:** Fourth Sunday of Easter (Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Pet 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10)

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