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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.

- Mrs Helen Mumford (KI contact - 0408 367 009)
- Integrity and Safeguarding Dept (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

Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 62:2-6, 8-9

*My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R)
3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my

hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R)

4. For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. (R)

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

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!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to

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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, Peter Barker

August 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 30 Fr Lancy D'Silva
Sep 06 Fr Paul Finucane



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.

LAST CHANCE

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. They will be acknowledged and celebrated at the Anniversaries Mass on the weekend 20/21 September. Please let Christine Weatherstone know by 1 September if you are interested.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by St Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 30 August, 2026

Living the Gospel in times of Social Division

Bishop Tim Harris launched the 2026 Social Justice Statement calling Australians to respond to increasing division, hatred and violence with love, kindness, friendship and listening. He warned that prejudice against people who are different—including Muslims, migrants, refugees, First Nations peoples, the elderly, people with disabilities and others—damages the dignity and wellbeing of the whole community.

Drawing on Pope Leo and Jesus' command to love God and love our neighbour, Bishop Harris stressed that love must be put into action. It means listening to others, understanding their fears and hopes, building bridges, overcoming ignorance, forgiving and extending grace.

In times of division, Catholics are called to build a culture of encounter through kindness, friendship and a listening ear.

SHARING THE TRADITION

Over the long history of the Church there have been many people who have literally taken up the cross of Christ and given their lives for their faith. They are the martyrs of the Church and have a special place of honour.

The first martyrdom recorded in the Scriptures is that of Stephen (Acts 6:8–8:3). Over recent weeks we have explored the stories of some people who are modern day martyrs of the Church. Luckily, however, not all those who take up the cross are called to give their lives, but still many shoulder the burden of faith in the face of adversity.

One such person was St Damien of Molokai, a Belgian priest of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, who volunteered to work as a missionary chaplain among the lepers of Hawaii at the leper colony on Molokai. Here he laboured for many years until he contracted the disease and finally died of it in 1889.

Others Christians, like Mother Teresa, have chosen to live out their faith in difficult situations.

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
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

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

WHEN ARE WE HOME?

More than anything else, we long for home. Our deep ache for intimacy, security, and comfort is, in the end, a longing for home, nothing more. We are forever restlessly searching for someone or something to take us home.

But what is home? A family? A house? A city? A country? A lover? A language? An ethnic group?

Home transcends all of these. We can find a home in many different families, houses, cities, countries, ethnic groups, and languages, and we can be far from home in our own family, house, city, country, and ethnic group.

Home is a place in the heart, not a bloodline, building, city, or ethnicity. Home is that deep, fragile place inside us where we hold and guard what's most precious to us. It's that place where, in some dark way, we remember that once, before we came to awareness, we were caressed by hands far gentler than any we've met in this life and where we were once kissed by a truth and a beauty so perfect that they are now the unconscious standard by which we measure everything. Home is where things "ring true", where what's most precious to us is cherished, the place of tender conscience, of intimacy.

And we know when we're there and when we're not. Home is a gut feeling, a resting place, a goodness, a security that we sense or don't sense.

Sometimes people ask me: "How do I know that the love I have for a person is the kind of love that I can build a marriage on?" My answer: "Love is a mystery and there are no guarantees; but ask yourself this: Does this person bring me home? Or is this a love, irrespective of how

powerful and exciting it might feel, from which I need eventually to go home?"

There's a huge difference between sharing powerful feelings with someone and building a life and a home with him or her. There's a huge difference between an affair and a marriage, between having a honeymoon or building a life with someone. Many kinds of love make for a honeymoon, but only one kind takes us home.

And then, after we've found home, we still have the problem of staying there. This isn't meant literally, but in a deeper way. How?

In the Gospels, immediately after he denies Jesus, we are told that Peter "went outside". What's being described here isn't a simple physical movement, someone stepping through a door and going outside. What's meant is that Peter went outside of himself, outside of who he is, outside of his conscience, outside of his normal understanding of things. He "went outside" in the way a man "goes outside" when he goes to a singles' bar and hooks up with someone in a way that takes him "outside" of his normal moral realm.

And from that, he has to go home. Why? Because, like Peter, he has "gone outside". What a person does in any morally schizophrenic act, in essence, takes him or her away from home (even if that act is done in his or her own house). Morally and psychologically the act is done away from home. It's done "outside".

There's a crude joke that catches this. It asks: "What do promiscuous people do after they have sex?" The answer: "They go home!" That expresses a sad irony: Sex is not something from which we are ever meant to go home. It's meant to take

us home, to constitute home.

Intimacy is home and if we need to go home from an experience, that's an infallible sign that what we've experienced isn't ultimately life giving.

And this has huge implications for understanding life. In the Gospels, Jesus says: "To you (those inside the circle of understanding) are revealed the secrets of the Kingdom, but to those outside everything is in riddles." Who's "inside" and who's "outside" the circle of understanding? Who "gets" the secret and who doesn't "get" it?

"Getting" or "not getting" the secret is not a question of intelligence, learning, luck, or finding the right books or teachers. Rather, we are "inside" the circle of understanding and we "get" the Gospels when we are at "at home", when we are true to what's deepest in us, when we are true to our consciences, when we don't morally "go outside" (as did Peter and as we do when we do acts that morally aren't true to who we are). When we are morally faithful, we "get" the Gospel.

Conversely, we "don't get it" when we "go outside", outside morally, when we "leave home" by being unfaithful as Peter was.

And we know this truth from experience: When we're faithful, the Gospels make sense. When we're unfaithful, almost immediately, we fill with objections, grow bitter, and begin to poke holes in truths we once believed.

T.S. Eliot once said, "Home is where we start from." It's also the place from which we understand what does or does not bring us life.

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.



Jesus said to his disciples, "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead." (Matthew 16:24)

Jesus says, "Come, follow me." That means choosing love, kindness and courage, even when it is not the easiest choice. Sometimes following Jesus means helping someone who is left out, saying sorry, sharing what we have or standing up for what is right. It means noticing when someone needs a friend and being brave enough to step in. We don't have to do something huge to make a difference. Today, let's be people who don't just talk about kindness. Let's live it!

Jesus, help us follow your loving way. *GPBS eNews*



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be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

A FAITH THAT GETS UP AND GETS GOING

(Matthew 16: 21-27)

Then Jesus went to town on his disciples. "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self. What kind of deal is it to get everything you want but lose yourself? What could you ever trade your soul for?"

Jesus' words are anything but comfortable: "Take up your cross and follow me." This is not an invitation to admire Jesus from a distance. It is a call to live differently. Jesus challenges us to move beyond a faith that is simply about what we believe and towards a faith that can be seen in the choices we make, the people we welcome and the way we treat those around us.

For families and parish communities, this challenge is deeply relevant. We live in a time when people can be quick to judge, divide or walk away when things become difficult. Following Jesus means choosing another way. It means making room

for those who feel excluded, listening before judging, forgiving when relationships become messy and having the courage to stand up for what is right.

Taking up our cross does not mean looking for suffering. It means being willing to give something of ourselves for the sake of love. It might be making time for someone who is struggling, choosing to serve rather than be served, or speaking up when silence would be easier.

Jesus asks us what kind of life we want to build. A life centred only on comfort and ourselves can leave us wanting more. A life given generously in love can transform families and communities. Following Jesus is not about carrying a perfect faith. It is about carrying a courageous one.

Questions for Reflection

- Where is Jesus inviting me to move beyond comfort and choose courage in the way I live my faith?
- What might I need to let go of so that I have more space for love, generosity and service?
- If someone experienced Jesus through the way my family or parish community lived, what would they discover?

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS (31 August - 6 September)

- **Monday, 31:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30)
- **Tuesday, 1:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 2:10-16; Lk 4:31-37)
- **Wednesday, 2:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44)
- **Thursday, 3:** St Gregory the Great (1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-13)
- **Friday, 4:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39)
- **Saturday, 5:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 22 (1 Cor 4:6-15; Lk 6:1-5)
- **Sunday 6:** 23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20)

PASTORAL CARE

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