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WEEKEND MASSES
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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
Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14
I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks-giving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Ps 23:1-6
Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. (R)

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. (R)

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R)

SECOND READING
1 John 3:1-3
Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that

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KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

November anniversaries: Jim Airton, Francis E Bannan, Vic Banner, Clorice Bates, Toni Berden, Leon Bourke , Imogen Brinkley, Harold Burgess, Donald Chalmers, Tim Clark, Evelyn Drane, Roy Gaton, John and Dien Hendrix, Carmel Higgins, Agnes Hughes, Margaret Hughes, Peggy Imboden, Andrew Kelly, Thomas Lydon, John McDonald, Colleen Moore, Roger Pahl, Teresa Paniza, Sam Perkins, Roy Rayson, Helen Redden, Patricia Ross, Harold Semler, Marie Slagter, Pat Smith, Graham Turner, Gwen Willson

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

PRIEST ROSTER

Nov 1 Fr Tony Telford-Sharp
Nov 8 Fr Vivencio Besa
Nov 15 Fr Jack Wojack



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 Glena and Collin and their families in your prayers.

Pilgrimage to Seoul WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027

World Youth Day is a special gathering that brings young people from all around the world together with the Pope.

For the next few weeks the Adelaide Archdiocese is calling for any nominations. Please contact Karen Hammat if you are interested.

CATHOLICS MUST ENGAGE WITH MODERN CULTURE

Catholics must not live their faith in opposition or "hostility" toward modern culture, Pope Leo XIV said recently, emphasising that integrating faith and culture is essential to living out the Christian vocation and sharing the Gospel with others.

"The authentic relationship between faith and culture is rooted in the Incarnation," he said in his address to English speakers during his weekly general audience in St Peter's Square. "Faith, therefore, enriches and brings to fulfilment every culture it encounters, and is itself called to become a culture that is shaped by Christ."

Throughout history, the Church has played a significant role in creating educational opportunities, the Pope said, noting that many medieval universities arose from the Church and contributed to the development of Western civilisation.

The Church continues to promote access to education and culture, he said, citing the Second Vatican Council's pastoral constitution Gaudium et Spes and its call to overcome illiteracy and to ensure that everyone has access to fundamental cultural opportunities.

Pope Leo also emphasised the importance of expanding access to higher education, especially for women, and encouraged Christians to deepen their scientific and cultural knowledge alongside their understanding of the faith.

"Faith itself is interwoven with culture through traditions, art, poetry, thought and science," Pope Leo said. Quoting St John Paul II, he said "a faith that does not become culture is a faith that is not fully embraced, not fully thought through, not faithfully lived. Faith is not limited to any one culture, but can take root in all cultures, shaping them according to the example of Jesus Christ through charity, service and recognition of God as Father,"he said.
"In this way, the Church draws from the various cultures all that is good, beautiful and true, in order to embody and transmit the message of the Gospel," the Pope said.
Catholics, he said, must strive to understand the cultures they live in, rather than approach the modern world with opposition.

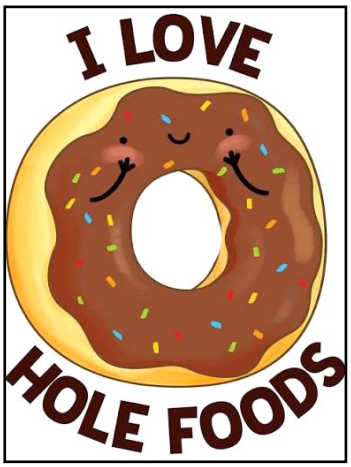
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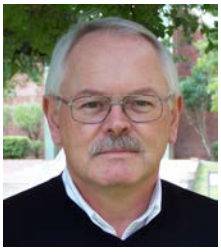
WHAT'S ON

3 Nov Melbourne Cup
8 Nov Supporting our Clergy Appeal
15 Nov St Vincent de Paul Appeal
29 Nov First Sunday of Advent
6 Dec Second Sunday of Advent
13 Dec Third Sunday of Advent
20 Dec Fourth Sunday of Advent
11 Dec School term 4 ends
25 Dec Christmas Day

MASS ROSTERS

Date	Readers/Prayers	Special Ministers	Cleaners
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

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DON'T TRY TO IMAGINE GOD

If we try to imagine God, it's easy to become an atheist. Why?

Try imagining this: We believe that one Person, God, is the sole creator of all that exists. Now, all that exists, although itself finite, is already beyond what we can imagine – billions of galaxies, trillions of planets, and billions of people stretching back through thousands of years. As well, we believe that God knows every rock, insect, animal, and plant not just on earth, but everywhere in the universe. How can we wrap our minds around that? We can't.

And there's the further issue of trying to picture the scope of God's love. Today there are more than eight billion people in the world and our faith asks us to believe that God loves each one of those eight billion individually and intimately, as if he or she was the only person in the world. Moreover, through millions of years God has loved intimately every man, woman, and child on this earth, right back to our ancestors who lived in caves. How can one mind, one heart, one person do this? It's beyond the mind.

However, and this is the point, *it's not intended to be imagined or conceptualised*.

God is infinite. Infinity, by definition, is impossible to imagine. (F*or example, what's the highest number it's possible to count to?*) Infinity takes us beyond what can be conceptualised. To conceptualise something, the mind needs to start somewhere and God has no beginning. Indeed, to the extent that we do create for ourselves an imaginative picture of God, we always have something less than God, and often an idol.

And the problem is that we are forever slimming down God to fit the size of our imagination when, by its very essence and definition, God is ineffable, unable to be pictured, imagined, or captured in a concept. This is a dogmatic teaching in of all Christian Churches and in Judaism. As the prophet Isaiah says, God is *holy*, meaning, beyond all visualisation and all conceptualisation, beyond anything that can be imagined. That's why scripture asserts that in this life "no one can see the face God and live."

However, as Christians, we believe that Jesus came to us and in his person and teaching gave concrete expression *(incarnation*) to God so that we can grasp, imagine, and speak truly about certain aspects of God. To know Jesus is to know his "Father."

However, that's not the same thing as capturing God in a concept. Indeed, we can "know" God, but we can't "think" God. We can never create a "picture" of God.

Why is this important? Because whenever we do create a picture of God, we always end up with something less than God – and invariably something that works for our self-interest.

Critics of Christianity accuse us of forever *creating God in our own image and likeness*. There's a lot of truth in that. That's why the God we create for ourselves invariably likes the same people we do, hates the same people we hate, makes the same judgments we make, likes us better than other races, favours our country over others, and assures us that our religion (and our own interpretation of it) is the true way to heaven.

Whenever we capture God in a concept, we end up with a God who is no more intelligent and compassionate than we are, whose heart isn't larger than ours, and who is unworthy of Jesus and Christianity.

For a dozen years I taught a course to seminarians entitled *A Theology of God*. The course looked at many things: how God is presented in scripture, the historical development of our dogmatic creeds about God, theological speculation about the nature of God, the salient critiques atheists have made about our Christian belief in God, and insights from the mystics and popular piety vis-à-vis how we might relate more affectively to God.

But throughout the course and particularly at its end, I would say this to the seminarians: *Whatever else you do in your teaching, preaching, and pastoral practice, try not to make God look stupid!*

In essence: try not to make God look tribal, racist, nationalistic, legalistic, denominational, sexist, rigid, petty, vengeful, angry, defensive, and anything less than unimaginable wisdom, unimaginable love, unimaginable embrace, and unimaginable forgiveness. Try not to make God just another imaginable human person with all our flaws.

I know sincere, good-hearted atheists and agnostics who don't believe in God because when they try to imagine a Person who is creating millions of universes, billions of people, and trillion upon trillions of minerals, plants, and animals, and who is knowing and loving each element in existence intimately as if it were the only thing in existence, they can't imagine it. Neither can we. It's not meant to be imagined. It's meant to be known in a cloud of unknowing, to stretch our minds and hearts beyond their natural limits and bring us to an awe that bends our knees in genuflection.

Y*ou 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
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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.

Kids Corner

What makes someone a saint?

They are friends of Jesus: Saints are simply people who chose to love God and love others with all their hearts.

They weren't perfect: Saints made mistakes and sometimes did naughty things too! But whenever they did, they said sorry to Jesus, and Jesus always forgave them.

They were ordinary people: Saints lived in ordinary places. Some were children, some loved animals, some were doctors, and some were mums or dads.

God made you special, and He has given you unique gifts. All Saints' Day reminds us that God wants you to be a saint too! You don't have to do impossible things; you just have to use your own gifts to share kindness, love, and joy with the people around you every single day.



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when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:28
Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12
Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

ALL SAINTS' DAY

All Saints' Day is a surprisingly old feast. It arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary of their martyrdom. When martyrdoms increased during the persecutions of the late Roman Empire, local dioceses instituted a common feast day in order to ensure that all martyrs, known and unknown, were properly honoured.

Why November 1?

The current date of November 1 was instituted by Pope Gregory III (731-741), when he consecrated a chapel to all the martyrs in Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. Gregory ordered his priests to celebrate the Feast of All Saints annually. This celebration was originally confined to the diocese of Rome, but Pope Gregory IV (827-844) extended the feast to the entire Church and ordered it to be celebrated on November 1.

A Reflection for Today

All Saints' Day is a quiet reminder that we do not walk alone, surrounded by an unseen cloud of ordinary and extraordinary witnesses who lived out God's love before us.

The Unnamed Faithful: We celebrate not only the famous names carved into church history, but the quiet, everyday saints—grandparents, teachers, and neighbours—who let light filter through their flaws just like a stained-glass window.

Grace Over Perfection: Sainthood is not about a flawless life; it is about handing your weaknesses, mistakes, and small acts of kindness over to God's larger story.

An Unbroken Bond: Death does not sever love. On this day, the boundary between heaven and earth grows thin, inviting us to find comfort and courage in the communion of faith.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(02 - 08 November)

- ***Monday, 02:*** All Souls' Day (Readings from Masses for the Dead)
- ***Tuesday, 03:*** Weekday, Ordinary Time 31 (Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24)
- ***Wednesday, 04:*** St Charles Borromeo (Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33)
- ***Thursday, 05:*** Weekday, Ordinary Time 31 (Phil 3:3-8; Lk 15:1-10)
- ***Friday, 06:*** Weekday, Ordinary Time 31 (Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 16:1-8)
- ***Saturday, 07:*** Weekday, Ordinary Time 31 (Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15)
- ***Sunday 08:*** 32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13)

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