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CHILD PROTECTION

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WEEKEND MASSES

Kingscote at 9.30am

CONFESSION

Kingscote at 9.00am (prior to Mass)

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Prayers for Healing and Renewal in the Church - Thursdays at 9.00am



FIRST READING

Genesis 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah.' 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 14:2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans.

The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 8:15

LK 8:1:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy are they who have kept the
word with a generous heart and yield
a harvest through perseverance.
Alleluia!

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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Bill Roestenburg, Sue Semler, Joelle Davidson

July anniversaries: Alma Adams, Eadie Adams, Sid Adams, Peg Anderson, Lill Buick, Phil Connell, John Connell, Henry Dravitzki, Leon Fahey, Paul Glynn, Joyce Grant, Mick Grant, Bill Higgins, Monica Hughes, Barry Jamieson, Judith Jeffs, Damian Howard, Leigh McDonald, Kym Moses, Cameron Muirhead, Ron Mumford, Alexander Nash, Alice O'Neill, Alice O'Driscoll, Jill Perkins, Charles Reynolds, Nora Ridge, Johnny Tully, John Walsh, Tony Walker, Robyn Williams and all the faithful departed.

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

PARISH ROSTERS

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
17/7	K Hammatt	A Gibbs	A Clark
24/7	M Slagter	A Clark	A Clark
31/7	S Semmler	P Bennett	C Berden

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops u 17/7 TBA

COVID RESTRICTIONS

For the latest Archdiocesan restrictions please see page 4 of this bulletin.

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: BSB 085 005 A/c No 585353994

Reference: K Island or 765

2nd Collection: BSB 085 005 A/c No 918111484 Reference: Your name

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

FATHERS' DAY RAFFLE

Donations for the Fathers' Day Raffle will be gratefully received.

OUR PARISH IS A CHILD SAFE ORGANISATION

We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and young people. We believe that all God's children and young people have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected, and valued. A safe Environment for all.

Child Safe Contact Person for this Church is: Helen Mumford (contact 0408 367 009)

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 28 August

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on the 28 August. The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, Respect: Confronting violence and abuse, invites us to nurture relationships marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control.

The Statement provides contacts for those who are experiencing violence and abuse to get help, and for people who want assistance to change their behaviour. More information:
Australian Catholic Bishops
Conference Office for Justice,
Ecology and Peace,
www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au
or (02) 6201 9845.

TEA AND COFFEE

are available at the back of the Church following Mass. All are welcome.

SECOND WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Pope Francis has proclaimed the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly to be held next Sunday (24 July). In announcing this, Pope Francis has chosen the theme "In old age they will still bear fruit." - Psalm 92:15.

It is held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The Holy Father said he instituted the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly because "grandparents are often forgotten,"

and we forget this wealth of preserving roots and passing on" what the elderly have received. He emphasised the importance of grandparents and grandchildren getting to know one another, because "as the prophet Joel says, grandparents seeing their grandchildren dream," while "young people, drawing strength from their grandparents, will go forward and prophesy."

COMMUNICATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Saturday 23 Jul 2022, 12.30pm-5pm AEST, attend via Zoom or in-person.

A fundamental aspect of any relationship - with God or people - is Communication. This event looks at the different aspects of communication and their strengths and weaknesses in daily life. It offers a practical approach to communication and relationships.

This session will be led by James Areechira svd. Cost \$60 (BYO lunch). Book and pay by 18 July via www.heartoflife.melbourne

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern VIC: office@heartoflife.melbourne or (03) 9890 1101.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Online unit: Aging Persons and Pastoral Care

The unit will be offered online over six Saturdays: 30 July; 13, 27 August; 17 September; 8, 22 October: 10am to 12pm then 2pm to 4pm.

Contact the Academic Records Office for enrolment information and appointments - 0394 123 309; registrar@ctc.edu.au; 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne; ctc.edu.au



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Ron Rolheiser column

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COPING WITH OUR OWN SOULS

We have many photographs of Therese of Lisieux. Her sister Celine loved using a camera and took many photos of Therese, but there's an interesting thing to note in those photos. The British Carmelite Ruth Burrows once did a study of those photos and commented that in all of them, Therese is always somehow alone, by herself, even when in a group photo.

Here's the anomaly. Therese was a warm, friendly person with good social skills, who was loved by many. Yet in almost all the photographs of her, even when she is pictured together with family members whom she loved deeply, there is always a certain loneliness, an aloneness, that's evident. However, the loneliness she exhibits there is not the aloneness of someone at odds with family and community, but a certain distance of soul, something that might be termed moral loneliness. What is this? Can our souls be lonely even while we are bathed in friendship, love, and family?

Yes, that's true for all of us, was true for Therese of Lisieux, and was true for Jesus.

Looking at the Gospel narratives that describe Jesus' passion and death, we see that what they emphasize in not Jesus' physical suffering. While those sufferings must have been horrific, the gospels never dwell on them. What they highlight is Jesus' emotional suffering, his aloneness, his loneliness of soul as he endured his suffering and death. They point out how, in his neediest hour, while alone, abandoned, betrayed, misunderstood, humiliated, and in effect unanimity-minus-one, he was suffering more in soul than in body.

Luke's Gospel tells us that his agony took place in a garden. This too is revealing. Jesus had agonies elsewhere, in the temple, in the desert, and in his hometown, but his most searing one took place in a garden. Why a garden? As we know,

in archetypal literature, gardens are not for growing vegetables, but for delight. The archetypal garden is the mythical place of delight, where lovers meet, where friends drink wine together, and where Adam and Eve were naked, innocent, and didn't know it. The Jesus who sweats blood in the garden of Gethsemane is not Jesus the Teacher, Jesus the Magus, Jesus the Healer, or Jesus the Miracleworker. In the garden, he is Jesus the Lover, the one who delights in love and who suffers in love – and it's to this garden of suffering, intimacy, and delight to which he calls us.

The gospels emphasize that what Jesus suffered most deeply in his crucifixion was not the pain of being scourged and having nails driven through his hands, but a deep loneliness of soul that dwarfs even the most intense physical pain. Jesus wasn't a physical athlete, but a moral one, doing battle in the arena with soul.

What's moral loneliness?

I first encountered this term in the writings of Robert Coles, who used it to describe Simone Weil. What it suggests is that inside each of us there's a deep place, a virginal center, where all that's tender, sacred, cherished, and precious is held and guarded. It's there that we are most genuinely ourselves, most genuinely sincere, most genuinely innocent. It's where we unconsciously remember that once, long before consciousness, we were caressed by hands far gentler than our own. It's where we still sense the primordial kiss of God.

In this place, more than any other, we fear harshness, disrespect, being shamed, ridiculed, violated, lied to. In this place we are deeply vulnerable and so we are scrupulously careful as to whom we admit into this space, even as our deepest longing is precisely for someone to share that place with us. More than we yearn for someone to sleep with sexually, we yearn for someone to sleep with there, morally, a soulmate. Our deepest yearning is for moral consummation.

But this isn't easy to find. Rare is the perfect moral partner, even inside of a good marriage or friendship. And so we perennially face a double temptation: Resolve the tension by settling for certain compensations, tonics, that help us make it through the night or, perhaps worse, because the pain is too much to live with, giving ourselves over to bitterness, anger, and cynicism, thus denigrating the great dream. Either way, we sell ourselves short and settle for second best

What's to be learned from Jesus' struggle with moral loneliness? This: he refused both the road of compensatory tonics and that of soulhardening cynicism. He stayed the course and carried the tension to term.

Our own moral loneliness can be tyrannical. However, that's not a license or invitation to begin jettisoning commitments, responsibilities, morals, and whatever else it takes to try to find that elusive soulmate for whom we yearn so deeply. What Jesus (and persons like Therese of Lisieux and Simone Weil) model is how to carry that tension ideally, how to carry our solitude at a high level, and how to resist, no matter the pain, calling second-best by any other name than second-best.

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



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 13/07/22)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please follow the instructions as per SA Health in terms of contact tracing and isolating yourself as per government health protocols. Please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- The density requirement has been updated to full capacity in all churches and also includes funerals and weddings.
- Wearing of face-masks is not mandatory in Church but is strongly recommended by the Archbishop.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home and not attend services.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances. Kindly sanitse your hands before entering the church.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

DID YOU KNOW?

- The attitude taken by Mary in this text is one of discipleship. To sit at the feet of the Master is to be a follower or disciple. In Jesus' time, such an attitude was often only the preserve of men
- Mary and Martha, the sisters of this text, are also mentioned in the Gospel of John. While Luke does not tell us the name of the village where they live, John does. They live in Bethany, just outside Jerusalem, with their brother, Lazarus.



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GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

IN PRAISE OF HOSPITALITY

People who think of themselves as "pray-ers" love the story of Mary and Martha, while others who characterise themselves as "do-ers" are irritated by it. After all, Martha is an exemplary model of hospitality. She is serving her guest and honouring God in the process, just like Abraham did. So why is Abraham so esteemed and Martha seemingly admonished for exhibiting precisely the same behaviour?

Martha has done nothing wrong, and Jesus does not put her down for her generous service - though plenty of homilists this week will make it sound that way. Martha fulfils the cultural and religious obligation of hospitality admirably. Mary has chosen to follow another imperative, one that sprang from within her own desire: to be in the company of Jesus. If Martha errs, it's only in passing judgement over Mary's choice. Hospitality takes many forms. One of them is presence.

How do you serve the Lord by doing? How do you serve the Lord by being present?

The mystery in a nutshell is just this: Christ is in you, therefore you can look forward to sharing God's glory. It's that simple.

GIVE YOURSELF A MOMENT

Just before my daughter Hannah graduated from primary school, the school hosted a dance for the students and parents. The graduates-to-be were honoured for their unique achievements. Then they were gathered together for a group photo.

And finally the music started, and the energetic teenagers danced their hearts out. Throughout the evening parents vied for position to snap photos and film every detail of their little darlings in this never-to-be-repeated moment in history. My husband and I were not among those parents. My husband, on security detail, spent most of the evening by the front door shooting the breeze with a few other dads, and I was flitting about checking in with other parents about their children's plans for high school.

The awards ceremony did catch my attention when Hannah's name was called, but I never thought to grab the mobile for a photo. Hannah was honoured as an outstanding risk-taker. Tears welled in the corners of my eyes. I was never more proud. Hannah, who has Down Syndrome, is actually extremely risk adverse and struggles with transitions. But her teachers felt she pushed through her fears and made significant progress in participating in class and moving independently throughout the day. It would have been rather nice to have had some visual record of this highlight of my daughter's educational history. But, looking back, I hope I chose the better part: living in the moment. GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(18 - 28 July)

- *Monday, 18*: Weekday, Ord Time 16 (Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42)
- *Tuesday, 19:* Weekday, Ord Time 16 (Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50)
- *Wednesday, 20:* Weekday, Ord Time 16 (Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9)
- *Thursday, 21:* Weekday, Ord Time 16 (Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17)
- *Friday*, 22: St Mary Magdalene (Song 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18)
- *Saturday, 23:* Weekday, Ord Time 16 (Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30)
- *Sunday 24:* 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13)

PASTORAL CARE

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