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WEEKEND MASSES
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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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- 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
Exodus 22:20-26
The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this:

"You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51
I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. (R)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. (R)

SECOND READING
1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ***Jn 14-23***
Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

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KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

October anniversaries: Murray Brook, Leo Clark, William Commerford, Trish Dennes, Jean Clark, Clifford Dow, Barry Dunn, Leo Dunn, Katarina Faist, James Gibbs, Mary Alice Gibbs, Rosie Grace, Harry Hughes, Thomas Hughes, Kath Hutton, Licci Longzaer, Philis Lorimer, John Lowry, Winifred Lydon, Mary Morrissey, Noel Perkins, Harry Rich, Alf Rombout, Betty Walsh, Bernard Williams, Ethel Willson, Joan Wilson, Leonica Cruz Esplana, Frisca Mariano Cruz.

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

PRIEST ROSTER

Oct 25 Fr Robert Riedling
Nov 1 Fr Tony Telford-Sharp



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.

catholic mission

Reach out. Give life.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday, with the theme "One in Christ, United in Mission." The Catholic Mission Appeal held in October will support communities in Malawi, helping with rebuilding, education, farming and healthcare. We invite you to support this important appeal - every gift, large or small, can make a difference. Thank you for your generosity.

Catholic Mission also supports indigenous people here in Australia eg, the work of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC). NATSICC is the peak advisory body to the Australian Catholic Bishops on issues relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics.

SHARING THE TRADITIONS

- In his first letter to the Corinthians (13:4–6), St Paul describes what love is like in a beautiful passage in his first letter to the Corinthians.

  Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous.

  Love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence and is not resentful.

  Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins, but delights in the truth.

  It is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, to endure whatever comes.

- We may sometimes feel that the call to love others as ourselves is egotistical. Yet the greatest spiritual writers of the Church have always insisted that knowing and accepting ourselves is a first step to knowing and loving God. Christians believe that although we are wounded by sin, we are created in the image and likeness of God and have been redeemed by Christ, so we are fundamentally good and worthwhile. Unless we appreciate this truth about ourselves, it is difficult to see and love the good in others and to relate lovingly to God.|

- Take some time to reflect on the qualities you see in yourself that are good and worthwhile. Perhaps you could write these down and use them during prayer.

- Discuss some ways that the Church publicly responds to this call to love God and love our neighbour.

- The call to love our neighbour has a global dimension in our modern age. Explore the work of Caritas Australia to see how the Church carries out this call globally. Their website offers many resources you could use. *(Summit online)*

WHAT'S ON

Oct	World Mission month
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
25 Oct	M Slagter, L Grant	P Bennett, A Bevan	C Brinkley
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

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

WORK – HINDRANCE OR GRACE IN OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES?

When I was in high school we read a short German story entitled *Immensee*. It's the story of a love that never happened, but that should have, except that the tragic hero of our story was never able to express his love to the woman he loved. So, he ended up alone with an aching heart, full of regrets.

The book ends with him reminiscing about the woman's last words to him. When they had parted, years back, she'd said to him: "I know you'll never come back!" He hadn't realised then how prophetic those words would be. Now, recalling them, he is overcome with regret and his life feels empty. He's deeply sad. However, after sitting with that melancholy for a while, we are told he went to his desk and, despite nursing that heartache, began again "to work with all the vigour of his youth."

Thank God for work. Sometimes that's the only thing between us and unbearable melancholy. Work is a wonderful, God-given thing.

We lack a good spirituality of work. Too often work is seen as something that takes us away from God and prayer, a distraction from the spiritual life, not a good, honest, holy thing, not a gift from God.

In fact, in some spiritualities, work is seen as a punishment for sin, something introduced on the planet after Adam's sin, not willed or intended by God ideally. In this view, except for sin, there would be no work. It's hard to formulate a healthy theology of work when work is seen as a consequence of sin, as never intended by God.

There is some truth though in the belief that work can be a distraction and an escape (both from God and family) and that it can be a way to avoid facing the deeper things in our lives.

Further still, there's the danger that we take our self-worth from our work, so that we feel good about ourselves only when we are achieving something and are anxious that deep down, outside of our work and our achievements, we have little worth. It's easy to be unconscious of that. And so, we tend to put pressure on ourselves to keep working because our sense of self-worth is tied up with our work. That's a perennial danger.

But there are dangers in everything. Work can be an excuse to avoid the deeper issues in our lives, but it is also the deep, natural form of contemplation that God gives to us as humans.

We must spend most of our waking lives working. That should tell us something, namely, that work must be the major avenue through which God wants us to journey toward deeper meaning. Given the way we are built and the way life is shaped, God surely does not expect us to consciously think about Him most of our waking moments.

God is not an egotistical tyrant, demanding our conscious attention, even while we must work long hours amidst all the heartaches, headaches, restlessness, anxieties, fears, and preoccupations that impale themselves upon us every waking minute. If God wants our conscious attention every waking minute, then there is some fatal flaw in the way we are built and the way life is set up.

But there is no fatal flaw. God is the ground of our being, the ground too of our work and our relationships. In God "we live and move and have our being." We know God not just in our conscious awareness and in prayer, but also in a deep inchoate way by participating with Him in building this world – by growing something, building something, carving something, creating something, cleaning something, painting something, writing something, raising children, nursing bodies, teaching others, consoling others, humouring others, struggling with others, and loving others.

Work, like prayer, is a privileged way to get to know God because, when we work, we are toiling in partnership with Him. Jesus knew well both the feel of work and tiredness.

In the spiritual wisdom of monasticism, we find this counsel: *Stay in your cell and it will teach you all you need to know.* That isn't to be taken literally. It's a pregnant metaphor. Your "cell" is your vocation and occupation in life (husband, wife, father, mother, priest, sister, carpenter, teacher, banker, construction worker, nurse, doctor, janitor, artist, bus driver, computer technician, salesperson, athlete, etc.) If you are faithfully doing the work that this vocation and occupation asks of you, that work will be your path to sanctity, leading you into a community of life with God, others, the world.

There is of course the danger that we can use our busyness to rationalise and excuse ourselves from dealing with family, prayer, and community. Hard work can start as a virtue and turn into a vice, but the greater danger lies in not giving ourselves over to hard work.

Work is not a consequence of sin; it's our path to holiness.

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.

1st Collection (Support for Priests):
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BSB 066-782
A/c No 100027201
Reference: Your name

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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.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The commandment which Jesus quotes first is part of a famous Jewish declaration of faith known as the Shema from Deut 6:4. 'Hear O Israel, the Lord, our God, is one …' This text is written out and placed inside small boxes called mezuzah which are placed on the door posts of Jewish homes. Each time a person passes through the door, they touch the mezuzah, thus making this declaration of faith several times a day.
- The second commandment quoted comes from Leviticus 19:18. Both statements are part of the Jewish Law.
- The term 'the Law and the prophets' implies the whole teaching of Judaism. The Books of the Law, known as the Torah, are the first five books of the Bible, often called the Pentateuch.



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GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

THE BOTTOM LINE

Moses drew the bottom line for the people of God when he presented the stone tablets to them at the base of Sinai: Here are ten things you must, and must not do. Love God, honour your parents; don't steal, kill. Most of us know the commandments well enough to know when we break them, without peeking back at Exodus.

To ask - which commandment of God is the greatest? - is a bit like asking for a hierarchy of evil for future reference. The popularity of lists of sins is that they give us guidelines as to how far we can go in sin before we're over our heads. As Robert Orbin says, most of us would like to be delivered from evil - but would like to keep in touch. The great commandment of Jesus doesn't give us that option. Loving God with heart, soul, and mind is a pretty exclusive commitment. When it comes to monogamy, even it a little infidelity is too much.

RULE NUMBER ONE

Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence. This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: Love others as well as your love yourself. These two commands are pegs; everything in God's Law and the Prophets hangs from them".

Mr Williams was rehearsing his lines in his mind. His daughter had missed curfew once again, and she'd already been warned. How often had he told her about curfew – rule number one? Now, he was going to lower the boom. Ground her for weeks. Take away her driving privileges. Let her know there are consequences to her actions.

And the minutes dragged on. And his worry increased. And his anger increased along with his worry. The phone rang. "Mr Williams, your daughter is here at the police station. She's OK. There was an accident. It wasn't her fault. We'll be bringing her home shortly, but she didn't want to worry you so she asked me to call".

When his daughter arrived home, he saw the look on her face. He could see all that she'd gone through, the apology already on her lips. It softened his heart. He opened his arms and she came swiftly into his embrace. As if singing a duet, they said simultaneously, "I was so worried for you". The Williams home discovered its new "rule number one": Love God and one another.

God's strong and all-embracing love will go with us, a love nurtured in this faith community. A love that we sense as we come quietly before God. A love that supports us in the hard times. A love that gives permission to question and doubt. A love that binds us together in ministry. A love that sometimes seems absent, but a love that is there for us always, even when we least expect it. A love we know in Jesus through his teachings, his relationships, his stories, and his love that took him to the cross. With God's love we leave this space joyfully and hopefully. Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(26 October - 1 November)

- ***Monday, 26:*** Weekday, Ordinary Time 30 (Eph 4:32-5:8; Lk 13:10-17)
- ***Tuesday, 27:*** Weekday, Ordinary Time 30 (Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21)
- ***Wednesday, 28:*** Sts Simon and Jude (Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-19)
- ***Thursday, 29:*** Weekday, Ordinary Time 30 (Eph 6:10-22; Lk 13:31-35)
- ***Friday, 30:*** Weekday, Ordinary Time 30 (Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6)
- ***Saturday, 31:*** Weekday, Ordinary Time 30 (Phil 1:18-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11)
- ***Sunday 01:*** ALL SAINTS (Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14; 1Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12)

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