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(All items for the newsletter must be
received no later than Tuesday
evening.)

CHILD PROTECTION

We are a Child Safe Organisation
which is committed to the care, well-
being and protection of children and
young people.

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WEEKEND MASSES

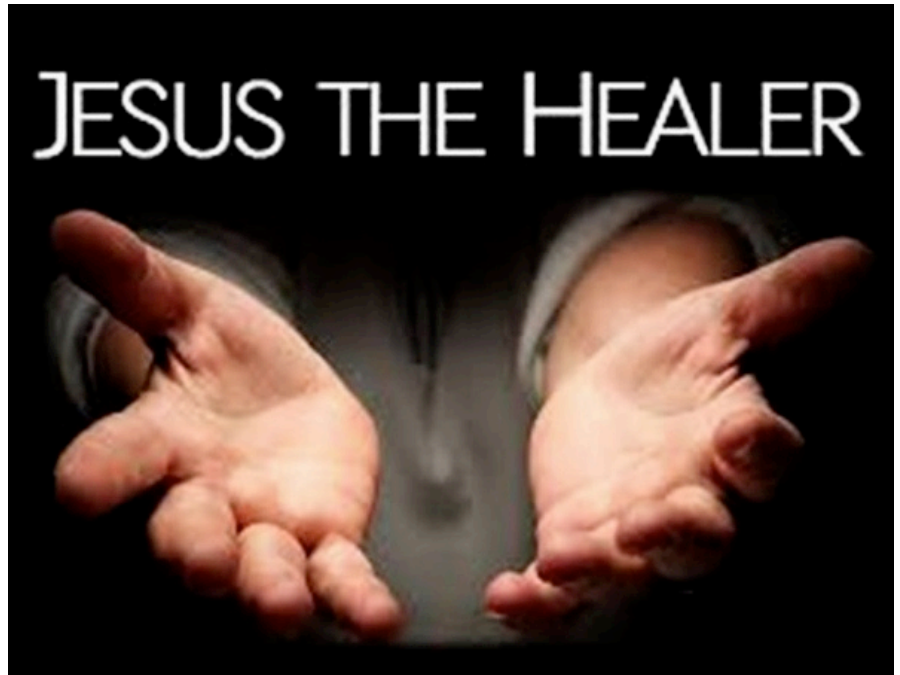
Kingscote at 9.30am

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

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing
more than pressed service, his time
no better than hired drudgery?

Like the slave, sighing for the
shade, or the workman with no
thought but his wages, months of
delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of
grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will
it be day?'

Risen I think, 'How slowly evening
comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my
days have passed, and vanished,
leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a
breath, and that my eyes will never
again see joy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Praise the Lord who heals the
broken-hearted.*

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

I do not boast of preaching the
gospel, since it is a duty which has
been laid on me; I should be

punished if I did not preach it! If I
had chosen this work myself, I might
have been paid for it, but as I have
not, it is a responsibility which has
been put into my hands. Do you
know what my reward is? It is this in
my preaching, to be able to offer the
Good News free, and not insist on
the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any
man I have made myself the slave of
everyone so as to win as many as I
could. For the weak I made myself
weak. I made myself all things to all
men in order to save some at any
cost; and I still do this, for the sake
of the gospel, to have a share in its
blessing.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

*He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus
went with James and John straight to
the house of Simon and Andrew.

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Sue Semler, Brianna Chudley, Peter Weatherstone, Kay Florance

February anniversaries: Heather Barrett, Joan Marie Berden, Mary Clark, Phillip Deakin, Alice Ellick, Alfred Gray, Bernadette Hehir, Kenneth Howard, Ron King, Jamie Larcombe, Frank May, Tom Meaney, Allan Moray, Pat Pawelski, Horace Riley, Christopher Riley, Bert Willson

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
4/2	S Semler	L Grant	A Clark
11/2	M Slagter	M Glynn	A Clark
18/2	H Mumford	S Semler	A Clark
25/2	P Clark	L Grant	C Berden

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

04/02 TBA

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

February 4

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 4 in 2024 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God.

So a friend of mine works at a car dealership, a young person came in with an older car and wanted to know why his iPhone charging port is scratching his screen and not charging!



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.

LENT 2024 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent> Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

“THE SOUTHERN CROSS”

The next edition will be distributed this weekend.

SAY THE WORD

(Mark 1:29-39)

Preaching and healing are all of a piece for Jesus. You speak of God’s love and people are healed. Author Tony Hendra experienced the power of this combative ministry the first time he encountered the late Benedictine Monk Father Joe Warrilow, whom he pays tribute to in Father Joe. As a teenager, Hendra confessed to a flirtation he was having with a married woman. Shut up in a room with Father Joe, young Hendra spilled his guts, while Father Joe listened intently.

With his story finished, Hendra sat in silence observing the priest: “He hadn’t questioned a thing I’d said; he hadn’t asked me to repeat or clarify. He seemed to assume that I was telling the truth – which I tried to do ... When he finally spoke, his

words were slow and stilted: ‘You’ve done nothing truly wrong, Tony dear. God’s love has brought you here before any real harm could be done. The only sin you’ve committed is the sin of selfishness.’ The verdict was gentle, final, the last word of, well, a father.”

“I’d never felt so safe and secure with anyone in my life,” writes Hendra. “I wanted to tell him everything that had ever happened in my few years. There were a million things I wanted to ask him. No, two million.” In that moment, Hendra discovers that encountering the love of Christ is a cure. Only say the word, Lord, and we shall all be healed. *GPBS eNews*

DATES

- 10 Feb Lunar New Year (Year of the Dragon)
- 14 Feb Ash Wednesday
- 18 Feb 1st Sunday of Lent
- 25 Feb 2nd Sunday of Lent
- 1 Mar World Day of Prayer - featuring Palestine
- 3 Mar 3rd Sunday of Lent
- 3 Mar Clean up Australia Day
- 10 Mar 4th Sunday of Lent
- 17 Mar 5th Sunday of Lent
- 18 Mar St Patrick’s Day
- 24 Mar Palm Sunday of the Passion
- 28 Mar Thursday of Lord’s supper
- 29 Mar Friday of Passion of the Lord
- 30 Mar Holy Saturday
- 31 Mar Sunday of the Resurrection
- 12 Apr Last day School term 1
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 29 Apr First day School term 2

World Day of Prayer 2024 Palestine



REGIONAL ASSEMBLY - “OUR CHURCH”

9 March, Cardijn College - 9.30am until 4.30pm

Register at: www.trybooking.com/CNDKK



Ron Rolheiser column

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BREAKING FAITH WITH EACH OTHER

Is this new or are we just more aware of it? Hatred and contempt are everywhere. They are in our government houses, in our communities, in our churches, and in our families. We are struggling, mostly without success, to be civil with each other, let alone to respect each other. Why? Why is this happening and intensifying?

Moreover, on both sides, we are often justifying this hatred on moral grounds, even biblical grounds, claiming that the Gospel itself gives us grounds for our disrespect – *My truth is so right and you are so wrong that I can disrespect you and I have biblical grounds to hate you!*

Well, even a cursory look at scripture should be enough to enable us to see this for what it is; rationalization, self-interest, and the farthest thing from Jesus.

Let's begin with something already taught long before Jesus. In the Jewish scriptures, we already find this text: "I have made you contemptible and base before all the people, since you do not keep my ways, *but show partiality in your decisions*. Have we not all the one Father? Has not the one God created us? Why do we break faith with one another?" (Malachi 2,8-10) Long before Jesus, Jewish spirituality already demanded that we be fair and never show partiality. However, it still gave us permission to hate our enemies and to take revenge when we have been wronged – "an eye for an eye".

Jesus turns this on its head. Everywhere in his person and in his teaching, most explicitly in the Sermon on the Mount, he challenges us in a radically new way, telling us that, if we want to go to heaven, our virtue needs to go deeper than that of the Scribes and the Pharisees. What was their virtue?

The Scribes and Pharisees of his time were very much like the church-going

Christians of our time. They were sincere, essentially honest, basically good people, who kept the commandments and practiced strict justice. But, according to Jesus, that isn't enough. Why? If you are a sincere person who is honest, keeps the commandments, and is fair to everyone, what's still missing? What's still missing lies at the very heart of Jesus' moral teaching, namely, *the practice of a love and forgiveness that goes beyond hatred and grievance*. What exactly is this?

In justice and fairness, you are still entitled to hate someone who hates you and to extract an appropriate vengeance on someone who has wronged you. However, Jesus asks something else of us: "*You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy. 'But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. ... If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*" (Matthew 5, 43-48)

This is the very essence of Christian morality. Can you love someone who hates you? Can you do good to someone who wishes you evil? Can you forgive someone who has wronged you? Can you forgive a murderer? It's this, and not some particular issue in moral theology, which is the litmus test for who is a Christian and who isn't. Can you love someone who hates you? Can you forgive someone who has hurt you? Can you move beyond your natural proclivity for vengeance?

Sadly, today we are failing that test on both sides of the ideological and religious spectrum. We see this everywhere – from the highest levels of government, from high levels in our churches, and in public and private discourse everywhere, that is, people openly espousing disrespect, division, hatred, and vengeance – and

trying to claim the moral high ground in doing this. Major politicians speak openly and explicitly about hating others and about exacting revenge on those who oppose them. Worse still, churches and church leaders of every kind are lining up behind them and giving them "Gospel" support for their espousal of hatred and vengeance.

This needs to be named and challenged: *anyone who is advocating division, disrespect, hatred, or revenge is antithetical to Jesus and the Gospels*. As well, *anyone supporting such a person by an appeal to Jesus, the Gospels, or authentic morality, is also antithetical to Jesus and the Gospels*.

God is love. Jesus is love enfleshed. Disrespect, hatred, division, and revenge may never be preached in God's or Jesus' name, no matter the cause, no matter the anger, no matter the wrong. This doesn't mean that we cannot have disagreements, spirited discussions, and bitter debates. But disrespect, hatred, division, and revenge (no matter how deeply they may in fact be felt inside us) may not be advocated in the name of goodness and Jesus. Division, disrespect, hatred, and vengeance are the Anti-Christ.

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



"It appears to be some sort of evolutionary leap forward. Your baby has coffee flowing through her veins."

EXPLORING THE WORD

In touching Simon's mother-in-law and then allowing her to serve him, Jesus is breaking down traditional barriers. He brings wholeness and holiness to her by his presence. The Kingdom of God cannot tolerate prejudice and taboo just as sickness and evil have no place in the Kingdom.

This text shows us a typical day for Jesus—the first of his ministry. He listens to the Word of God, then worships with his community; he relaxes in the home of a friend; he pursues his work of healing and preaching and, before dawn, he withdraws alone to develop his relationship with the Father through prayer. There is a wonderful pattern of balance here between prayer, work and rest.

When the disciples find him, they want him to return to Capernaum to the acclaim he is receiving. Instead, Jesus insists that the boundaries of the Kingdom be pushed out. The Kingdom of God must reach further and further. It is for this that he came!

DID YOU KNOW?

- In Capernaum, archaeological excavations have uncovered a house, close by the synagogue, which has ancient inscriptions suggesting it is the house of Peter.
- Capernaum was a thriving town and was a centre for the local fishing industry.
- The Jewish Sabbath begins at sunset on Friday and lasts until sunset on Saturday. As the day of God's rest, work was not permitted. That is why Jesus only begins his work of healing after sunset.

PONDER

For those who'd given up the hope of happiness, the coming of Jesus was a new shot at life. For believers today, the news is just as exciting. Alleviate some misery in the "ash heap" nearest you. Kindness, sympathy, companionship, or a word of forgiveness can go a long way to make happiness live again.

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Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

LOOKING FOR JESUS

(Mark 1:29-39)

One of Jesus' first acts in Mark's gospel is to liberate a man from a demon, as we heard last week. Next, Jesus tames a fever; and by nightfall, everyone is after him. Is this a surprise? Not to anyone who's ever suffered. If there's a miracle cure for our pain, we'd all like to have a piece of it. Jesus, for his part, doesn't seem to mind. He gets down to business and sends those diseases and demons packing.

The next day, Jesus moves on to the next town, and the same thing happens. The world is full of opportunities to encounter Job, and one village is as good as another. Job, unhappily, lives in all of them. The early success of Jesus' ministry

owes itself to the rampant misery in the world and our desperate desire for an answer or a cure. For those who'd given up the hope of happiness, the coming of Jesus was a new shot at life.

For believers today, the news is just as exciting. Jesus is ready to reach into our lives and liberate us from the demons that enslave us. Jesus is the only real healer, making even death itself a king without subjects. Though our misery runs deep and happiness becomes a memory, Jesus can restore our peace. No wonder so many are still after him. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(5 - 11 February)

- **Monday, 5:** St Agatha (1 Kg 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 7:1-13)
- **Tuesday, 6:** St Paul Miki and companions (1 Kg 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13)
- **Wednesday, 7:** Weekday, Ord Time 5 (1 Kg 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23)
- **Thursday, 8:** Weekday, Ord Time 5 (1 Kg 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30)
- **Friday, 9:** Weekday, Ord Time 5 (1Kg 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37)
- **Saturday, 10:** St Scholastica (1Kg 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10)
- **Sunday 11:** SIXTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1; Mk 1:40-45)



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