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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.

Mrs Helen Mumford

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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

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of
his love for his vineyard. My friend
had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones
and planted choice vines in it. In the
middle he built a tower, he dug a
press there too. He expected it to
yield grapes, but sour grapes were all
that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah, I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me. What
could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done? I expected it to
yield grapes. Why did it yield sour
grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am
going to do to my vineyard: I will
take away its hedge for it to be grazed
on, and knock down its wall for it to
be trampled on. I will lay it waste,
unpruned, undug; overgrown by the
briar and the thorn. I will command
the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes,
the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is
the House of Israel, and the men of
Judah that chosen plant.

He expected justice, but found
bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of
distress.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20

*The vineyard of the Lord is the House
of Israel.*

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there
is anything you need, pray for it,
asking God for it with prayer and
thanksgiving, and that peace of God,
which is so much greater than we can
understand, will guard your hearts and
your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally,
brothers, fill your minds with
everything that is true, everything that
is noble, everything that is good and
pure, everything that we love and
honour, and everything that can be
thought virtuous or worthy of praise.
Keep doing all the things that you
learnt from me and have been taught
by me and have heard or seen that I
do. Then the God of peace will be
with you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my
Father. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the
elders of the people, 'Listen to another
parable. There was a man, a
landowner, who planted a vineyard;
he fenced it round, dug a winepress in
it and built a tower; then he leased it

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Sue Semmler, Brianna Chudlee, Peter Weatherstone

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.

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
8/10	M Glynn	K Hammat	A Clark
15/10	M Slagter	A Clark	A Clark
22/10	S Semmler	H Mumford	A Clark
29/10	A Clark	L Grant	C Berden

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

8/10	Fr George Nader
15/10	Fr Leon Czechowicz

SPECIAL BOOK - CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ON KI

I am in the process of recording voices of our Church parishioners for a book. I am not wanting to write a history book of the Catholic Community on KI. It's about your individual voice, which of course, will include the history.

I will use the voice recorder app on my iPhone and then just relax and let the conversation flow. Then I will

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type up your story on my computer and get you to read it.

Here are three suggestions for what you might talk about:

- How long have you / were you associated with this church?
- Has the Church changed much over your time?
- Your special memories of people or events.

I want to include as many of your voices as I can.

It's our Church's 70th celebration next year. It would be great to have at least one copy of this book for people to look at. Maybe, we may even have it ready to print and sell. I would love all your voices, as we all have a story to tell.

You can either catch up with me at Church or ring me on 0408 367 009.

Kind Regards, Helen Mumford

THE VOICE REFERENDUM

On October 14, Australian citizens will vote in the referendum on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament.

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan is encouraging Catholics to prayerfully reflect on the upcoming referendum and inform themselves from reliable sources such as:

www.indigenousvoice.church or www.catholic.au or www.voice.gov.au. Please [Click here](#) for correspondence from Archbishop Patrick O'Regan.

SUPPORTING OUR PRIESTS AND DEACONS

8 October has been designated as Supporting our Priests and Deacons Sunday. Throughout the Archdiocese, we will be invited at Masses thank God for their ministries and offer them our prayerful support. In

particular, we will be asked to renew our commitment to the financial support of all our priests and deacons through our contribution to the First Collection.

A JOSEPHITE CELEBRATION *Tales out of School*

Saturday Oct 14, 2.00pm - 4.30pm
Mt Carmel College, 33 Newcastle St, Rosewater, parking off Miles St
RSVP by Friday October 6 to David: david.cotton@mcc.catholic.edu.au or 0417 853 519

EARTHQUAKE IN MOROCCO

Caritas agencies are responding to the 6.8 magnitude earthquake where more than 2600 lives have been lost and thousands have been injured.

The epicentre was near the rural town of Ighil, in the Al Haouz province. Entire buildings have collapsed, and there are reports some remote villages have been destroyed, leaving people trapped or homeless. Many families are spending sleepless nights outdoors, fearing aftershocks. Search and rescue efforts are ongoing.

Immediate needs include getting essentials like food, clean water, emergency shelter and medicine to families affected by the earthquake, while preparing for the long-term needs of people who no longer have homes to return to. Your support to help those affected by this catastrophe is invaluable. www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/morocco-earthquake/

- *A mummy has been discovered in Egypt, covered in chocolate and nuts. Archaeologists believe it may be that of Pharaoh Roche.*
- *I'm at the airport and there's a woman passed out on the luggage carousel. She's slowly coming around now.*



A hundred dollars says there's a coyote under there!

Tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality are conditions all too familiar for the people of Timor-Leste. In two weeks' time you will learn about the work of the Salesian Sisters, including nurse, Sister Carolina, who desires to see better outcomes for her community. We will also share the story of Petrolina and her daughter's desperate need for medical attention.

You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, and your prayers and generosity are crucial in ensuring this program can continue.

This opportunity is a great way to commit to the missionary movement, as He reminds us in Luke 24:13-35, the fire of Christ burns within us and encourages us to take action for those in most need.



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

OUR DEEPEST LONELINESS

Harvard psychologist Robert Coles, in describing the French mystic Simone Weil, once suggested that what she really suffered from and what motivated her life was her moral loneliness. What is that?

Moral loneliness is what we experience when we ache for moral affinity, that is, for a soulmate, for someone who meets us, understands, and honors all that's deepest and most precious inside us.

We are lonely in different ways. We feel restlessness despite experiencing intimacy, and we feel a nostalgia for a home we can never quite find.

There's loneliness, a restlessness, an aching, a yearning, a longing, an appetite, a disquiet, a nostalgia, a timelessness inside us that never quite feels consummated.

Moreover, this dis-ease lies at the center of our experience, not at its edges. We are not restless people who sometimes get restless, serene people who sometimes experience disquiet, or fulfilled people who occasionally get frustrated. Rather we are restless beings who sometimes find rest, disquieted persons who sometimes find solitude, and dissatisfied men and women who sometimes find satisfaction.

And, among all these many yearnings, one is deeper than the others. What we ultimately long for beneath everything else is moral affinity, for a soul partner, for someone to meet us in the depth of our soul, for someone who honors all that's most precious in us. More than we long for someone to sleep with sexually, we long for someone to sleep with in this way, morally.

What does this mean?

It might be expressed this way: Each of us nurses a dark memory of once having been touched and caressed by hands far gentler than our own. That caress has left a permanent mark, an imprint in us of a love so tender, good, and pure that its memory is a prism through which we see everything else. The old myths

express it well when they tell that, before we were born, God kissed our souls and we go through life always remembering, in some intuitive way, that kiss and measuring everything else in relation to it and its original purity, tenderness, and unconditionality.

This unconscious memory of once having been touched and caressed by God creates the deepest place inside of us, the place where we hold all that's most precious and sacred to us. When we say that something "rings true", what we are really saying is that it honors that deep place in our hearts, that it coincides with a deep truth, tenderness, and purity that we have already experienced.

From this place issues forth all that is deepest and truest inside us – both our kisses and our tears. Paradoxically this is the place that we most guard from others, even as it is the place that we would most like someone to enter, providing that entry respects the purity, tenderness, and unconditionality of the original caress of God which formed that tender cavity in the first place.

This is the place of deep intimacy and deep loneliness, the place where we are innocent and the place where we are violated, the place where we are holy, temples of God, sacred churches of reverence, and the place we corrupt when we act against truth. This is our moral center and the aching we feel there is aptly called moral loneliness. It's here that we long for a soulmate.

And it's in this longing, in this unyielding ache, that we are driven outward where, like the Biblical woman in the Song of Songs, we achingly search for someone to sleep with morally.

Sometimes that longing is fixed on a certain person, and that fixation can be so obsessive that we lose all emotional freedom. As well, we can conclude, as does our culture, that this at its root is a longing for sexual union. There's some truth in that, despite its one-sidedness. Sexual union, in its true form, is indeed the "one-flesh" consummation decreed by the Creator after the condemnation of loneliness – "it is not good for the









man to be alone." Outside of sexual union, in the end, one is always somewhat alone, single, separate, cut off, a minority of one.

But, ultimately, we are lonely at a level that sex alone cannot satisfy. More deeply than we long for a sexual partner, we long for moral affinity. Our deepest longing is for a partner to sleep with morally, a kindred spirit, a soulmate in the truest meaning of that phrase.

Great friendships and great marriages invariably have this at their root, namely, deep moral affinity. The persons in these relationships are "lovers" in the deep sense because they sleep with each other at that deep level, irrespective of whether or not there is sexual union. At the level of feeling, this type of love is experienced as a "coming home".

Therese of Lisieux once suggested that, as humans, we are "exiles of the heart" and we can only overcome this by moral communion with each other, that is, through sleeping with each other in charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, longsuffering, and faith.

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

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HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF	

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 06/10/23)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

DID YOU KNOW?

- Vineyards required intensive long-term care. The soil was dug and cleared and a wall erected to discourage animals which may graze on the vines. A watch-tower and wine-press completed the installation but ongoing work of pruning, thinning, supporting the vines and sometimes irrigation was needed.
- A wine-press was a large vat where the grapes were trodden. This was connected to a smaller vat, lower down or dug into a hillside, down which the juice flowed. Fermentation began in the lower vat and was completed in jars or skins from which the wine was served.
- The keystone at the top of a Roman arch was the stone which held all the others in place.



OCTOBER IS MISSION MONTH

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to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They answered, "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

"I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit."

LET GOD BE GOD

"Here's another story. Listen closely. There was once a man, a wealthy farmer, who planted a vineyard. He fenced it, dug a winepress, put up a watchtower; then turned it over to the farmhands and went off on a trip. When it was time to harvest the grapes, he sent his servants back to collect his profits". (Matthew 21:33 - 34)

I asked a friend, Don, how life was going for him, and he said that things were horrible at work. His wife's friend's husband had been out of work a year or so back and Don paved the way for him to get an interview where he worked. Don's company hired him, and Don felt pretty good he was able to help someone out.

But things haven't turned out so well. The guy Don helped quickly got designs on taking over Don's job, and he's making Don's life miserable. He constantly second-guesses Don in front of their colleagues. He finds

reasons to talk to Don's clients behind his back. He spreads false rumours to try to undermine Don's authority with his staff.

As it turns out, the new guy is actually shooting himself in the foot. The bosses and staff, originally impressed with his initiative, have come to see how self-serving he is. It won't be long before he's out of work again, which saddens Don because the guy had a pretty good deal for himself, before he started angling to get more and more. In this week's gospel, Jesus tells a parable about people who had a pretty good deal – in fact a covenant with God almighty. But instead of enjoying the vineyard God prepared, they wanted it all for themselves. The good news this week is that there is only one God – and it's not me and it's not you. We just work for God. *GPBS eNews*

KIDS' CORNER

Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. (Philippians 4:9)

As you grow older, you will learn many new things. The subjects you study in school get more challenging, and your life changes. But the most important things you learned about God when you were younger will stay the same. For instance, you learned that God loves you. You learned to love others and be kind to them. Those things never change because God never changes – even when we do. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS (9 - 15 October)

- **Monday, 9:** Weekday, Ord Time 27 (Jonah 1:1-2:1, 11; Lk 10:25-37)
- **Tuesday, 10:** Weekday, Ord Time 27 (Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42)
- **Wednesday, 11:** Weekday, Ord Time 27 (Jonah 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4)
- **Thursday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 27 (Malachi 3:13-20; Lk 11:5-13)
- **Friday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 27 (Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26)
- **Saturday, 14:** Weekday, Ord Time 27 (Joel 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28)
- **Sunday 15:** 28th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14)

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