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

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off, No one saw, no one knew, no one work up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called

out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4,8,10,12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. <R>
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. <R>
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. <R>
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. <R>

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Sue Semler, Brianna Chudlee, Peter Weatherstone, John Slagter, Annette Roestenburg, Michelle Glynn, Elijah Laundry, Rebecca Semler, Simon Laundry, Chris Heath, Josh Semler

February anniversaries: Heather Barrett, Joan Marie Berden, Mary Clark, Phillip Deakin, Allice 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

	Reader	Prayers	Cleaning
23/2	S Semler	L Grant	C Berden
02/3	P Clark	W Bennett	A Bevan
09/3	K Hammatt	S Semler	A Bevan
16/3	M Slagter	P Bevan	A Bevan
23/2	A Clark	M Glynn	A Bevan
30/3	W Bennett	M Slagter	C Brinkley

PRIEST ROSTER

23/2 Fr Lancy D'Silva



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR

Father in heaven, may the faith You have given us in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of Your Kingdom.

May Your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, Your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee

re-awaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To You our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

KIDS' CORNER

How can we love people who are mean or unkind to us? How can we love bullies? Remember, loving people doesn't mean letting them hurt you, bully you or treat you badly. You are created in God's image. God loves you and wants others to treat you with love and respect, just as you treat others. Loving your enemies can mean praying an Our Father for them. It can mean refusing to speak sharply or hurt others, even if they do this to you. Loving your enemies means asking God to help you with strength, peace, courage and love. And remember, if you are being bullied, talk to an adult you trust for help. *GPBS eNews*

LOVE YOUR ENEMY WITHIN

"I hate myself," I heard my niece say. "I'm so stupid!" She was struggling with a school project, and it was not coming together as she had hoped. Maybe she got a late start by procrastinating on gathering some of the elements. Maybe the topic made sense to her inside but she was struggling to express it in the format that the project called for.

I wanted to ease the pain behind those words, to assure her she was wonderful and worthy of love. And I also knew I've aimed those same poisonous words at myself on more than one occasion. Love of others breaks down when we cannot love ourselves. In each of us there are things we do not appreciate and may actively abhor. In a crazy notion of false modesty, this self-loathing may even seem virtuous. But it's not virtuous; it's deadening to the spirit.

Family life offers a place where we can learn some valuable lessons about self-acceptance, despite our imperfections. If I can so readily love my nieces and nephews with all their foibles, how much more can God cherish them (and me) despite our sins? Love is like a river: Don't stop the flow of love in your life because you are worthy. Heck, we're all unworthy. The good news is that God sees that and loves us anyway! Should we do less? *GPBS eNews*

PANCAKE TUESDAY

4 March, 2025

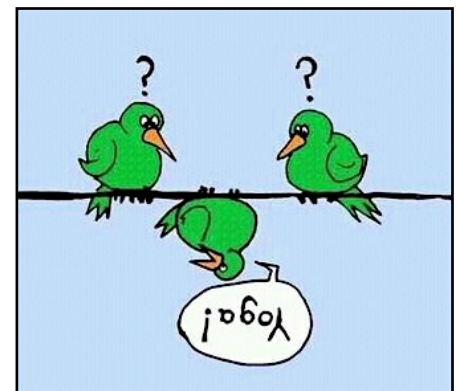
Shrove Tuesday, also commonly referred to as Pancake Day, is a celebration that is observed the day before Ash Wednesday. The tradition of eating pancakes to welcome the beginning of Lent, has been observed in Britain since around the 16th century.

The Encyclopedia of Traditional British Rural Sport outlines that this occurred because the ingredients that make up pancakes – namely eggs, butter and fat – would typically be banned during Lent.

While pancake eating on Shrove Tuesday has been a custom for the past few centuries, the act of marking the beginning of Lent prior to Ash Wednesday, has been around for far longer - perhaps as far back as 1000AD.

CALENDAR 2025

5 Mar	Ash Wednesday
5 Mar	Project Compassion
10 Mar	Adelaide Cup Day
12 Apr	Last day School term 1
13 Apr	Palm Sunday
17 Apr	Thursday of Lord's Supper
18 Apr	Good Friday
18 Apr	Holy Places Appeal
19 Apr	Holy Saturday
20 Apr	Easter Sunday
25 Apr	ANZAC Day
28 Apr	First day School term
18 May	St Vincent de Paul Appeal
9 Jun	King's birthday holiday
29 Jun	Holy Father's Appeal
2 Jul	Last day School term 2
6 July	NATSICC Appeal
20 Jul	Stella Maris - Sea Sunday
21 Jul	First day School term 3
10 Aug	Vocations Appeal
26 Sep	Last day School term 3
6 Oct	Labour day holiday
13 Oct	First day School term 4
12 Dec	Last day School term 4





Ron Rolheiser column

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OUR STRUGGLE WITH LOVE

Several years ago, a Presbyterian minister I know challenged his congregation to open its doors and its heart more fully to the poor. Initially the congregation responded with enthusiasm and a number of programs were introduced to invite people from the less-privileged economic areas of the city, including a number of street-people, to come to their church.

But the romance soon died as coffee cups and other loose items began to disappear, some handbags were stolen, and the church and meeting space were often left messy and soiled. A number of the congregation began to complain and demand an end to the experiment: "This isn't what we expected! Our church isn't clean and safe anymore! We wanted to reach out to these people and this is what we get! This is too messy to continue!"

But the minister held his ground, pointing out that their expectations were naïve, that what they were experiencing was precisely part of the cost of reaching out to the poor, and that Jesus assures us that loving is unsafe and messy, not just in reaching out to the poor but in reaching out to anyone.

We like to think of ourselves as gracious and loving, but, truth be told, that's often predicated on a naïve notion of love. We struggle to love as Jesus invites us to love, namely, to *love each other as I have loved you*. The last clause in the sentence contains the real challenge: Jesus doesn't say, love each other according to the spontaneous reactions of your heart; nor, love each other as society defines love. Rather, *love each other as I have loved you*.

And, for the most part, we struggle to do that.

- We struggle to love our enemies, to turn the other cheek and to reach across to embrace those who hate us. We struggle to pray for those who oppose us.
- We struggle to forgive those who hurt us, to forgive those who

murder our loved ones. We struggle to ask God to forgive the people who are hurting us. We struggle to believe, like Jesus, that they are not really cognizant of what they are doing.

- We struggle to be big-hearted and take the high road when we've been slighted or ignored, and we struggle then to let understanding and empathy replace bitterness and our urge to withdraw. We struggle to let go of grudges.
- We struggle to be vulnerable, to risk humiliation and rejection in our offers of love. We struggle to give up our fear of being misunderstood, of not looking good, of not appearing strong and in control. We struggle to set out barefooted, to love without security in our pockets.
- We struggle to open our hearts enough to imitate Jesus' universal, non-discriminating embrace, to stretch our hearts to see everyone as brother or sister, regardless of race, color, or religion. We struggle to stop nursing the silent secret that our own lives and the lives of our loved ones are more precious than those of others.
- We struggle to make a preferential option for the poor, to bring the poor to our tables, to abandon our propensity to prefer the attractive and the influential.
- We struggle to sacrifice ourselves to the point of losing everything for the sake of others, to actually lay down our lives for our friends – *and indeed for our enemies*. We struggle to be willing to die for people who oppose us and are trying to crucify us.
- We struggle to love with purity of heart, to not subtly seek ourselves within our relationships. We struggle to live chastely, to fully respect and not violate someone else.
- We struggle to walk in patience, giving others the full space they need to relate to us according to their own inner dictates. We struggle to sweat blood in order to be faithful. We struggle to wait in proper patience, in God's good time,

for God's judgment on right and wrong.

- We struggle to resist our natural urge to judge others, to not impute motives. We struggle to leave judgment to God.
- Finally, not least, we struggle to love and forgive our own selves, knowing that no mistake we make stands between us and God. We struggle to trust that God's love is enough and that we are forever held inside God's infinite mercy.

Yes, love is a struggle.

After his wife Raissa died, Jacques Maritain edited a book of her journals. In the Preface to that book, he describes her struggle with the illness that eventually killed her. Severely debilitated and unable to speak, she struggled mightily in her last days. Her suffering both tested and matured Maritain's own faith. Mightily sobered by seeing his wife's sufferings, he wrote: "Only two kinds of people think that love is easy: saints, who through long years of self-sacrifice have made a habit of virtue, and naïve persons who don't know what they're talking about."

He's right. Only saints and those who are naïve think love is easy.

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.

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A/c No 100000067
Reference: Your name

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CHILD PROTECTION

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EXPLORING THE WORD

In last week's gospel, the disciples learned that to be a faithful follower of Jesus, they must be committed to a new order. This week's text tells them how they must live in that new order; in a sense it provides the practical details. What Jesus is suggesting should not be confused with passivity or simply inaction or resignation in the face of persecution and injustice. Quite the contrary! What Jesus is suggesting is radical action. It demands that we act towards others without being asked, that believers offer friendship and pardon constantly, without asking or hoping for anything in return. In Jesus we find God's self-revelation, God's actions in and for the world, his plan for salvation and its fulfilment. Followers of Jesus must act in these ways precisely because they are the ways of God.

- Turn the other cheek; love your enemies; do good to those who hurt you! Why should we? How can we? How challenging do you find this directive?

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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven.

As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.'

Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(24 February - 2 March)

- **Monday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (Sirach 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29)
- **Tuesday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (Sirach 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37)
- **Wednesday, 26:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (Sirach 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40)
- **Thursday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (Sirach 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50)
- **Friday, 28:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (Sirach 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12)
- **Saturday, 01:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (Sirach 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16)
- **Sunday, 02:** 8th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45)

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