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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

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



Master, let me see again

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord says this:
Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
'The Lord has saved his people, the
remnant of Israel!'
See, I will bring them back from the
land of the North and gather them
from the far ends of earth; all of them:
the blind and the lame, women with
child, women in labour: a great
company returning here.

They had left in tears, I will comfort
them as I lead them back; I will guide
them to streams of water, by a smooth
path where they will not stumble.
For I am a father to Israel, and
Ephraim is my first-born son.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 125*

*The Lord has done great things
for us; we are filled with joy.*

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out
of mankind and is appointed to act for
men in their relations with God, to
offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and
so he can sympathise with those who
are ignorant or uncertain because he
too lives in the limitations of
weakness. That is why he has to make
sin offerings for himself as well as for
the people. No one takes this honour

on himself, but each one is called by
God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ
give himself the glory of becoming
high priest, but he had it from the one
who said to him: *You are my son,
today I have become your father;* and
in another text: *You are a priest of the
order of Melchizedek, and for ever.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Tim 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done
away with death, and brought us life
through his gospel.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples
and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is,
the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar,
was sitting at the side of the road.
When he heard that it was Jesus of
Nazareth, he began to shout and to
say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity
on me.' And many of them scolded
him and told him to keep quiet, but he
only shouted all the louder, 'Son of
David, have pity on me.' Jesus
stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So
they called the blind man. 'Courage,'
they said 'get up; he is calling you.'
So throwing off his cloak, he jumped
up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus
spoke, 'What do you want me to do
for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man

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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.

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

	Reader	Prayers	Cleaning
27/10	P Bennett	K Hammat	C Berden
3/11	L Grant	A Clark	A Bevan
10/11	M Slagter	L Grant	A Bevan

PRIEST ROSTER

27/10	Fr John James
2/11	Fr George Oluoch
3/11	Fr George Oluoch

CARITAS AUSTRALIA GLOBAL GIFTS

Stuck for gift ideas this Christmas? Global Gifts are a way to make a life-changing impact this Christmas season, while also celebrating the joy of giving with your family and friends.

Each gift represents a solution to challenges faced by vulnerable families in need. When you choose a Global Gift, you are making a significant difference in the lives of those who are struggling with access to basic necessities this Christmas – like food, hygiene kits, education and handwash facilities.

A Global Gift card represents a donation to Caritas Australia made on behalf of your loved ones. It's a gift that warms hearts, changes lives and leaves a lasting legacy. Each Global

Gift comes with a beautifully designed Christmas card that you can give to your loved one.

There are a wide variety of gifts including (amongst others) \$25 for disability support, \$50 for a handwash station, \$40 for business training or \$10 for a chicken, \$65 for a goat!

Shop online: www.globalgifts.org.au

KANGAROO ISLAND CATHOLIC PARISH 70th Anniversary

Date: Sunday November 17

Venue: Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Church, Kingscote

Time: 9.30am, followed by lunch at the RAOB Lions Hall at 12.00pm.

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan DD will be the main celebrant.

Please contact Helen Mumford (kimumford@bigpond.com or 0408 367 009) to advise if you can attend or if you have any questions.

LADIES GUILD

The next meeting Ladies Guild meeting will be held on Monday (28 October) at 9.30am.

WORKING BEE

There will be a working bee at the Parish House and the Church on Wednesday 6 November in readiness for the 70th celebrations. Many hands make light work, so please participate.

WORLD MISSION MONTH

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance vital services in Mongolia. Your support can make a significant difference in supporting essential services to people in need. To make a donation, use the envelopes distributed at Masses last weekend, Freecall 1800 257 296, scan the QR code, or go to catholicmission.org.au/mongolia.

THE MAGNIFICAT

The words of the prayer of Mary which we know as the Magnificat thank and praise God for having taken the side of the poor, the humble, the hungry, and the oppressed in this world, having lifted them up and given them victory, even as he toppled the powerful off

their thrones and humbled them. However, her prayer puts this all into the past tense, as if it was already an accomplished fact, already a reality in our world.

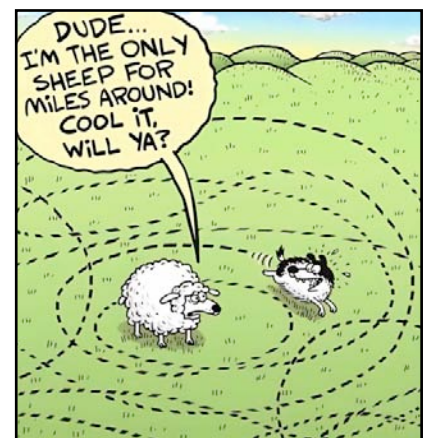
Looking at our world, we see that the gap between rich and poor is widening. Hundreds of millions of people go to bed hungry every night, corruption and crime are everywhere, and the powerful seemingly can simply take whatever they want without repercussions. We have nearly one hundred million refugees on our borders around the world, and women and children are still victims of violence of all kinds everywhere. It would seem things are getting worse, not better. So where do we see that God has hast cast down the mighty from their thrones, lifted up the lowly, filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty?

What Mary affirms in the Magnificat is a deep truth we can only grasp in the faith and hope that even though at present injustice, corruption, and exploitation of the poor seem to reign, there will be a last day when that oppressive stone will roll back from the tomb and the powerful will topple. The Magnificat is the ultimate prayer of hope – and the ultimate prayer for the poor.

When we feel powerless because it seems there is nothing we can do about the injustice we see, we can pray the Magnificat to give voice to how God ultimately responds to the powerlessness of the poor. *Ronald Rolheiser*

DATES

05 Nov	Melbourne Cup
10 Nov	St Vincent de Paul Appeal
17 Nov	KI Catholic Parish 70 th Anniversary Mass 9.30am
13 Dec	Last day School term 4
25 Dec	Catholic Charities Appeal





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

A DOUBLE PRIMORDIAL BRANDING WITHIN

From Pierre Teilhard de Chardin we get these words: *“Because, my God, though I lack the soul-zeal and the sublime integrity of your saints, I yet have received from you an overwhelming sympathy for all that stirs within the dark mass of matter; because I know myself to be irremediably less a child of heaven and a son of earth.”*

These words, like the words that open St. Augustine’s famous *Confessions*, not only describe a lifelong tension inside its author; they also name the foundational pieces for an entire spirituality. For everyone who is emotionally healthy and honest, there will be a lifelong tension between the attractions of this world and the lure of God. The earth, with its beauties, its pleasures, and its physicality can take our breath away and have us believe that this world is all there is and all that needs to be. Who needs anything further? Isn’t life here on earth enough? Besides, what proof is there for any reality and meaning beyond our lives here?

But even as we are so powerfully, and rightly, drawn to the world and what it offers, another part of us finds itself caught in the embrace and the grip of another reality, the divine, which though more inchoate, is no less unrelenting. It also tells us that it is real, that its reality ultimately offers life, that it needs to be honored, and that it may not be ignored. And, just like the reality of the world, it presents itself both as promise and threat. Sometimes it’s felt as a warm cocoon in which we sense ultimate shelter and sometimes we feel its power as a threatening judgment on our superficiality, mediocrity, and sin. Sometimes it blesses our fixation on earthly life and its pleasures and sometimes it frightens us and relativizes both our world and our

lives. We can sometimes shield ourselves from it by distraction or denial; but it stays, maintaining always a powerful tension inside us: we are irremediably children of both heaven and earth; both God and the world ask for our attention.

That’s how it’s meant to be. God made us irremediably physical, fleshy, earth-oriented, with virtually every instinct inside us reaching for the things of this earth. We should not then expect that God wants us to shun this earth, deny its genuine beauty, and attempt to step out of our bodies, our natural instincts, and our physicality to fix our eyes only on the things of heaven. God did not build this world as a testing place, a place where obedience and piety are to be tested against the lure of earthly pleasure, to see if we’re worthy of heaven. This world is its own mystery with its own meaning, a God-given one. It’s not simply a stage upon which we, as humans, play out our individual dramas of salvation and then close the curtain as we leave. It’s a place for all of us, humans, animals, insects, plants, water, rocks, and soil to enjoy a home together.

But that’s the root of a great tension inside us. Unless we deny either our most powerful human instincts or our most powerful religious sensibilities, we will find ourselves forever torn between two worlds, with seemingly conflicting loyalties, caught between the lure of this world and the lure of God.

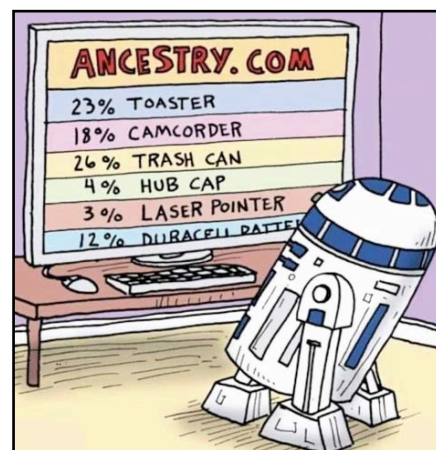
I know how true this is for my own life. I was born into this world with two incurable loves and have spent my life and ministry caught and torn between the two. I have always loved the pagan world for its honoring of this life and for its celebration of the wonders of the human body and the beauty and pleasure that our five senses bring us. With my pagan brothers and

sisters, I too honor the lure of sexuality, the comfort of human community, the delight of humor and irony, and the remarkable gifts given us by the arts and the sciences. But at the same time, I have always found myself in the grip of another reality – the divine, faith, religion. Its reality too has always commanded my attention – and, more importantly, dictated the important choices in my life.

My major choices in life incarnate and radiate a great tension because they’ve tried to be true to a double primordial branding inside me, the pagan and the divine. I can’t deny the reality, lure, and goodness of either of them. It’s for this reason that I can live as a consecrated, life-long celibate, committed to religious ministry, even as I deeply love the pagan world, bless its pleasures, and bless the goodness of sex even as I renounce it. That’s also the reason why I’m chronically making an apology to God for the world’s pagan resistance, even as I’m trying to make an apologia for God to the world. I have torn loyalties.

That is as it should be. The world is meant to take our breath away, even as we genuflect before the author of that breath.

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):
BSB 066-782
A/c No 100027201
Reference: Your name

2nd Collection (Support for our Parish):
BSB 066-782
A/c No 100000067
Reference: Your name

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

CHILD PROTECTION

We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being 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.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- The title 'Son of David' was one applied to the longed-for anointed one of God. Its use here indicates that Bartimaeus has recognised Jesus as the Messiah.
- The 'blind faith' of Bartimaeus contrasts sharply with the lack of insight and understanding we have witnessed from the disciples in recent weeks.
- Jericho is the main town on the west bank of the Jordan River in the south. It was the crossing point for people journeying from the north and led to the main road up to Jerusalem, 22 kilometres away. Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, and to his death, has almost ended.
- In Hebrew, 'Bar' means 'son of' in much the same way as Mac is used in Scotland. When a Jewish boy undergoes his Barmitzvah he becomes a 'son of the law'.
- While 'Rabbi' means master or teacher, 'Rabbuni' is usually employed to express familiarity with or devotion to the master or teacher.

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said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

JESUS IS CALLING

Jesus stopped in his tracks. "Call him over." They called him. "It's your lucky day! Get up! He's calling you to come!" Throwing off his coat, he was on his feet at once and came to Jesus. Jesus said, "What can I do for you?" The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." "On your way," said Jesus. "Your faith has saved and healed you." In that very instant he recovered his sight and followed Jesus down the road. (Mark 10:49-52)

At Mass today, I brought with me a long list of prayer intentions. I have friends who are out of work or who hate the jobs they have. I know people who are depressed, sick, or lonely; lots and lots of people who wish their lives were different than what they are. Sometimes I want to call out, like the man on the side of the road: Jesus, have pity! Have pity!"

And Jesus is calling back, "What can I do for you?" I don't always know. What's best got all my suffering friends? The right job or the right relationship may not be enough. Happiness doesn't arrive in the neat packages we expect. Bartimaeus was sure of what he wanted, and he had the courage and strength to spring up and run to Jesus. Maybe his response is the best one, and the only one we need: "I want to see." If each of us could clearly see, we might not be so regularly paralysed by the events in our lives. We might spend less time frozen on the diving board, and more time in the water.

What aspects of your life are unclear to you? Where is Jesus calling you to be right now? *GPBS eNews*

HIS FAITH SAVED ME

I sat slumped in my pew listening to the drone of the priest's sermon. "How do I always get this guy?" I carped to myself. "Please don't lecture us. Must you sap the life out of every gospel?" the uncharitable

complaining inside my head continued.

By the end of the homily, I had resolved never to put myself through this torture again, but by the end of Communion I realized I had a lot to learn from this guy.

It all started with a commotion at the back of church. People were filing up to the altar to receive Communion when one of the ushers began speaking in loud tones to a man in a wheelchair who had just come in off the street. The usher was refusing to let the very dirty man go up the aisle. The man in the wheelchair couldn't speak, but he was groaning in angry, anguished tones.

The priest kept looking to the back of church as he was distributing Communion, trying to figure out what was going on. Finally, he motioned to the usher to let the man through. He met the man halfway up the aisle and asked, "What is it you want?" The man pointed to the ciborium and then put his hand to his mouth. The priest walked up to him, said, "Body of Christ," served the man Communion, and blessed him. That's when my eyes were opened. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(October 28 - November 04)

- **Monday, 28:** Sts Simon and Jude (Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-19)
- **Tuesday, 29:** Weekday, Ord Time 30 (Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21)
- **Wednesday, 30:** Weekday, Ord Time 30 (Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30:)
- **Thursday, 31:** Weekday, Ord Time 30 (Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35)
- **Friday, 01:** ALL SAINT'S (Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12)
- **Saturday, 02:** ALL SOUL'S (From Masses for the Dead)
- **Sunday 03:** 31st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Deut 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34)

PASTORAL CARE

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