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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



FIRST READING

Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

SECOND READING

James 5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that

are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.'

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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.

September anniversaries: Frank Berden, Mary Bowery, Jimmy Browne, Terrence Browne, Gwen Caldicott, Audrey Carslake, Peg Dow, Thomas Drane, Bernadette Florance, Christopher Glynn, Loretta Hartley, Catherine Hughes, Patrick Hughes, Pearl Malycha, Elvie Meaney, Dean Larcombe, Julia Martienses, Eileen Morris, Reginald Pahl, Maise Rooney, Breton Semler, Vera Shannon, James Smith

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 |
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| 22/9 | A Clark | M Glynn | A Clark |
| 29/9 | A Clark | P Bennett | A Clark |
| 06/10 | S Semler | W Bennett | C Berden |
| 13/10 | K Hammat | M Glynn | C Berden |
| 20/10 | M Slagter | S Semler | C Berden |
| 27/10 | P Bennett | K Hammat | C Berden |

PRIEST ROSTER

29/9 Fr Kevin Horsell
6/10 Fr Kevin Horsell

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS NEW INFORMATION

The banking details have changed for those wishing to make weekly contributions by Direct Debit. These details are printed on page 4 of this bulletin.

“THE SOUTHERN CROSS”

The October edition of “The Southern Cross” will be delivered to parishes this week, for distribution at weekend Masses. This issue features the Pope’s visit to Asia and Oceania and the upcoming Synod in Rome as well as lots of stories on local events and people.

CELEBRATING THE 110TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

On September 29, the Catholic Church commemorates the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This special day serves as a reminder to pray, reflect, and take

action for those who have been forced to leave their homes in search of safety, dignity, and a better future.

This year’s theme, inspired by Pope Francis’ message, is “*God Walks With His People*”. It highlights the enduring presence of God in the lives of migrants and refugees and draws a powerful parallel between the biblical exodus of the Israelites and the journeys of today’s displaced individuals. Pope Francis urges us to see the stories of modern migrants as living images of God’s people on their pilgrimage toward hope and freedom.

Prayer

God, Almighty Father, we are your pilgrim Church journeying towards the Kingdom of heaven.

We live in our homeland, but as if we were foreigners. Every foreign place is our home, yet every native land is foreign to us.

Though we live on earth, our true citizenship is in heaven. Do not let us become possessive of the portion of the world you have given us as a temporary home.

Help us to keep walking, together with our migrant brothers and sisters, toward the eternal dwelling you have prepared for us.

Open our eyes and our hearts so that every encounter with those in need becomes an encounter with Jesus, your Son and our Lord. Amen

A FAITHFUL PROMISE Catholic Marriage

Covenant and Calling

A short course about the Catholic Sacrament of Marriage is being offered via Zoom by the Australian Catholic University Centre for Liturgy.

The course is intended for teachers, clergy, seminarians, liturgists, pastoral associates, parishioners, and all who have an interest in Catholic sacraments, or work in marriage education/formation or ministries of support to married couples in a parish setting. Please see the attached [flyer](#) for details. Registration: www.acu.edu.au/marriage_short_course

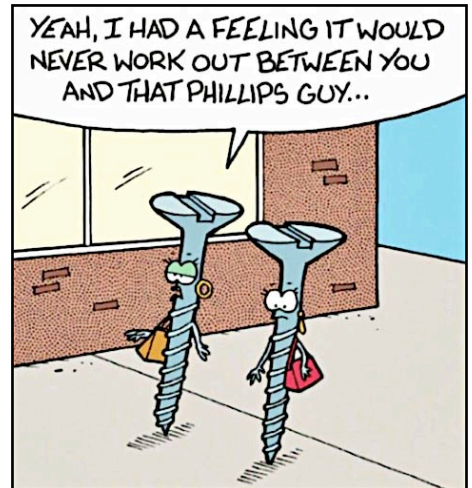
DATES

28 Sep AFL Grand Final
29 Sep Migrant and Refugee Sunday

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| 05/06 | Supporting Clergy Appeal |
| October | World Mission Month |
| 07 Oct | Labour Day holiday |
| 14 Oct | First day School term 4 |
| 05 Nov | Melbourne Cup |
| 10 Nov | St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal |
| 17 Nov | KI Catholic Parish 70 th Anniversary Mass 9.30am |
| 13 Dec | Last day School term 4 |
| 25 Dec | Catholic Charities Appeal |

LESSER KNOWN KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE

- *The knight who was afraid to fight: Sir Render*
- *The knight no one believed: Sir Real*
- *The knight who designed the table: Sir Cumference*
- *The undercover knight: Sir Veillance*
- *The knight who was never killed in battle: Sir Vivor*
- *The knight who exceeded expectations: Sir Passed*
- *The knight who showed up unexpectedly: Sir Prize*
- *The knight who overcame obstacles: Sir Mount*
- *The knight who kept the maps up-to-date: Sir Veyor*
- *The knight who drank to much: Sir Rhoasis*
- *The knight who stood in for the king: Sir Rogate*
- *The knight who stood out among the rest: Sir Perb*
- *The knight with the fragile ego: Sir Amic*
- *The knight who wasn't needed: Sir Perfluous*





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

WHEN IS FEAR HEALTHY?

Why don't we preach hellfire anymore? That's a question asked frequently by a lot of sincere religious people who worry that too many churches, priests, and ministers have gone soft on sin and are over-generous in speaking about God's mercy. The belief here is that more people would come to church and obey the commandments if we preached the raw truth about mortal sin, God's wrath, and the danger of going to hell when we die. The truth will set you free, these folks assert, and the truth is that there is real sin and there can be real and eternal consequences for sin. The gate to heaven is narrow and the road to hell is wide. So why aren't we preaching more about the dangers of hellfire?

What's valid in this kind of reasoning is that preaching about mortal sin and hellfire can be effective. Threats work. I know. I grew up subjected to this kind of preaching and admit that it affected my behavior. But that effect was ambivalent: On the one side, it left me scared enough before God and life itself to fear ever straying very far morally or religiously. On the other side, it also left me religiously and emotionally crippled in some deep ways. Simply stated, it's hard to be intimate friends with a God who frightens you and it's not good religiously or otherwise to be overly timid and afraid before life's sacred energies. Fear of divine punishment and fear of hellfire, admittedly, can be effective as a motivator.

So why not preach fear? Because it's wrong, pure and simple. Brainwashing and physical intimidation are also effective, but they are antithetical to love. You don't enter a love relationship because you feel afraid or threatened. You enter a love relationship because you feel drawn there by love.

More importantly, preaching divine threat dishonors the God in whom we believe. The God who Jesus incarnates and reveals is not a God who puts sincere, good-hearted people into hell against their will on the basis of some human or moral lapse which in our religious categories we deem to be a mortal sin. For example, I still hear this threat being preached in our churches: *If you miss going to church on Sunday it's a mortal sin and should you die without confessing it, you will go to hell.*

What kind of God would underwrite this kind of a belief? What kind of God would not give sincere people a second chance, a third one, and seventy-seven times seven more chances if they remain sincere? What kind of God would say to a repentant person in hell: "Sorry, but you knew the rules! You're repentant now, but it's too late. You had your chance!"

A healthy theology of God demands that we stop teaching that hell can be a nasty surprise waiting for an essentially good person. The God we believe in as Christians is infinite understanding, infinite compassion, and infinite forgiveness. God's love surpasses our own and if we, in our better moments, can see the goodness of a human heart despite its lapses and weaknesses, how much more so will God see this. We have nothing to fear from God.

Or have we? Doesn't scripture tell us that *the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom*? How does that square with not being afraid of God?

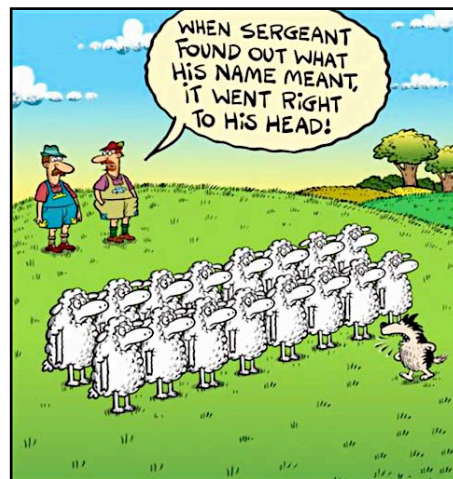
There are different kinds of fear, some healthy and some not. When scripture tells us that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom, the kind fear it is talking about is not contingent upon feeling threatened or feeling anxious about being punished. That's the kind of fear we feel before tyrants and bullies. There is however a healthy fear that's

innate within the dynamics of love itself. This kind of fear is essentially proper reverence, that is, when we genuinely love someone we will fear betraying that love, fear being selfish, fear being boorish, and fear being disrespectful in that relationship. We will fear violating the sacred space within which intimacy occurs. Metaphorically we will sense we are standing on holy ground and that we'd best have our shoes off before that sacred fire.

Moreover, scripture tells us that when God appears in our lives, almost always, the first words we will hear are: "Don't be afraid!" That's because God is not a judgmental tyrant but a loving, creative, joy-filled energy and person. As Leon Bloy reminds us, *joy is the most infallible indication of God's presence.*

The famous psychiatrist, Fritz Perls, was once asked by a young fundamentalist: "Have you been saved?" His answer: "Saved? I'm still trying to figure out how to be spent!" We honor God not by living in fear lest we offend him, but in reverently spending the wonderful energy that God gives us. God is not a law to be obeyed, but a joyous energy within which to spend ourselves generatively.

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?

- Capernaum was a town on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee. It was the home town of Peter and some of the other apostles. Jesus used Capernaum as his 'home base' during his ministry in the region of Galilee. The 'house' referred to in this text may well have been the house of Simon Peter, where we know Jesus spent time (Mk 1:29).
- 'The Son of Man' is a title Jesus often uses of himself in Mark's Gospel.
- In sitting down to instruct the disciples about being of service to others, Jesus is reinforcing his words about being the least. At that time, a teacher had greater status than his students. The normal practice was for students to sit at the feet of the teacher, not the other way around.
- In the ancient world, children had no status at all but Jesus puts a child before them and embraces him in welcome. This is another gesture of reversal.

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But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

UNAUTHORISED GOODNESS

John spoke up, "Teacher, we saw a man using your name to expel demons and we stopped him because he wasn't in our group." Jesus wasn't pleased "Don't stop him. No one can use my name to do something good and powerful, and in the next breath cut me down. If he's not an enemy, he's an ally. Why, anyone by just giving you a cup of water in my name is on our side. Count on it that God will notice." (Mark 9:38-41)

Like the good citizens around Moses, the disciples around Jesus are jealous for the copyright to goodness. Anyone who teaches the ignorant, heals the sick, or feeds the poor without joining their Master's guild has got to be from the devil. Obviously it escapes the disciples that this is precisely the charge that's been levelled at Jesus by the religious leaders of the Temple. Righteousness is private property. Unauthorised goodness is strictly forbidden.

It may be natural to feel a twinge when, say, the Hare Krishnas open a soup kitchen in our parish, beating up the good witness. We feel embarrassed

that it's come to this. But right is right, not matter what the source is. The proper response is to praise God, grow in humility, and persevere in our own attempt to support the cause of righteousness.

FRIEND OR FOE?

Blanche and her friends had been in charge of the Mothers' Club at their parish for years. They'd hosted lots of events, raised a lot of money for the religious education program, and had a lot of fun. Lately, though, it seemed the younger mothers were not getting involved, and a good amount of their meeting was spent griping that the same old people were doing all the work.

Then a new family moved into the neighbourhood and Cindy, the wife, had a lot of ideas. A few women in her local area got caught up in her enthusiasm and soon they planned a few events for parents and their children. They made one tactical mistake, however. They didn't get the approval of the Mother's Club first.

What made things worse was that when the day of the first event came, the event was a huge success. Blanche and her friends were livid. They went to the pastor to complain. He kindly asked why they were so upset. He helped them realise the newcomer was only trying to do her part to help the community and he made a plan to invite both groups to lunch at the parish house to share some parish history, exchange new ideas, and get to know each other. As Jesus says, "Whoever is not against us is for us."

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(September 30 - October 06)

- **Monday, 30:** St Jerome (Job 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50)
- **Tuesday, 01:** St Thérèse of the Child Jesus (Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56)
- **Wednesday, 02:** The Holy Guardian Angels (Ex 23:20-23; Mt 18:1-5,10)
- **Thursday, 03:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Job 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12)
- **Friday, 04:** St Francis of Assisi (Job 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16)
- **Saturday, 05:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24)
- **Sunday 06:** 27 Sunday in Ord Time (Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16)

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