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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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Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

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

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, So that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God

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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.

Recently deceased: Monsignor Rob Egar

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
1/10	P Bennett	P Clark	A Clark
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)

1/10 Fr Franco Lacanaria

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 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 to 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/



Hearts on Fire
FEET ON THE MOVE

catholic MISSION Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/timor

In three weeks' time, Catholic Mission will share an opportunity for you to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Timor-Leste as they continue to provide an essential community project that addresses the gaps in care and well-being in rural communities like Venilale.

This work simply will not be possible without your support. We hope you will accept this invitation to make a real and lasting impact for those in 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

SURRENDERING TO LOVE

Perhaps all of Jesus' invitations to us can be summarized in one word, surrender. We need to surrender to love.

But why is that difficult? Shouldn't it be the most natural thing in the world? Isn't our deepest desire a longing to find love and surrender to it?

True, our deepest longing is to surrender to love, but we have some deep innate resistances to give ourselves over in surrender. Here are a couple of examples:

At the Last Supper in John's Gospel when Jesus tries to wash Peter's feet, he meets a stiff resistance from Peter – *Never! I will never let you wash my feet!* What's ironic here is that, perhaps more than anything else, Peter yearned precisely for that kind of intimacy with Jesus. Yet, when it's offered, he resists.

Another example might be seen in the struggles of Henri Nouwen. Nouwen, one of the most gifted spiritual writers of our generation, enjoyed immense popularity. He published more than 50 books, was a much sought-after professor (tenured at both Harvard and Yale), received invitations daily to give talks and lectures around the world, and had many close friends.

And yet, inside all that popularity and adulation, surrounded by many friends who loved him, he was unable to let that love give him any real sense of being loved or of being lovable. Instead, through most of his life he labored inside a deep anxiety which had him believe that he wasn't lovable. On occasion this even landed him in clinical depression. And so, through most of his adult life, surrounded by so much love, he was haunted by a sense that he wasn't loved, nor worthy of being loved. Moreover, he was a deeply sensitive person who more than anything else wanted to surrender to love. What held him back?

In his own words, he was crippled by a deep wound he couldn't quite name and whose grip he couldn't shake. This was true for most of his adult life. Eventually, he was able to free himself from his deep wound and surrender to love. However, it took a traumatic death experience for that to happen. Standing too close to the highway at a bus-stop one morning, he was struck by the mirror of a passing van which sent him flying. Rushed to a hospital, for some hours he hovered between life and death. While in that state, he had a very deep experience of God's love for him. He returned to full consciousness and normal life as a profoundly changed man. Now, after experiencing God's love for him, he could finally also surrender to human love in a way he had been incapable of previous to his "death" experience. All his subsequent books are marked by this conversion in love.

Why do we fight love? Why don't we surrender more easily? The reasons are unique to each of us. Sometimes we are dealing with a deep wound that leaves us feeling unlovable. But sometimes our resistance has less to do with any wound than it has to do with how we are unconsciously fighting the very love we so painfully seek. Sometimes, like Jacob in the Bible, we are unconsciously wrestling with God (who is Love) and consequently unconsciously fighting love.

In the Bible story where Jacob wrestles all night with a man, we see that in this struggle he has no idea that he is wrestling with God and with love. In his mind, he is wrestling with a foe he needs to conquer. Eventually, when the darkness of the night gives way to more light, he sees what he is wrestling with – and it is a surprise and shock to him. He realizes he is fighting love itself. With that realization, he gives up struggling and instead clings to the very force he had been previously fighting, with the plea: "I will not let you go, until you bless me!"

This is the final lesson we need to learn in love: We wrestle for love with

every talent, cunning, and strength inside us. Eventually, if we are fortunate, we have an awakening. Some light, often a crippling defeat, shows us the true face of what we have been wrestling with and we realize that it's not something to be conquered, but it's the very love to which we have been longing to surrender.

For many of us, this will be the great awakening in our lives, a waking up to the fact that in all our ambitions and schemes to show the world how worthwhile and lovable we are, we are in unconscious ways fighting the very love to which we ultimately want to surrender. And, usually, as with Jacob in the biblical story, it will take the defeat of our own strength and a permanent limp before we realize what we are fighting against is really that to which we most want to surrender.

And this is surrender, not resignation, something we give ourselves over to rather than something that defeats us.

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



Unfriending - the early years

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 28/09/23)



- 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

LIVING THE WORD

- Words are one thing but deeds are another. In the long run it is deeds which count more. 'Actions speak louder than words'. More importantly, this little story tells us that change is possible, even after a negative decision. We have the ability to have second thoughts and respond generously; we can decide to do the right thing. At times, it is those who are not expected to do the right thing that surprise us!
- Who are the people in your life who inspire you because of the consistency of their vision and action?
- Sometimes it is the simple people who inspire us the most. How might you emulate their approach? Are there ways you can be an inspiration for others? Are there ways you can publicly witness to saying 'yes' or acting for justice this week?

DID YOU KNOW?

- The 'chief priests and elders' are the leaders of the Jewish religious community. They were the ones with training and were learned in the Scriptures. They should have known and recognised what is from God but they are like the son who says 'yes' and fails to carry out God's will.
- Prostitutes and tax collectors are often bracketed together because both were considered 'sinners': prostitutes for their sexual behaviour and tax collectors because they cooperated with the Roman authorities and cheated their own people.

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before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

IS GOD FAIR?

(Matthew 21: 28 - 32)

I have a work colleague/employee who drives me crazy. He does nothing I ask him to do, is always late, leaves early, takes endless breaks, follows my directions only when it suits him. Most of the time he does just what he wants to do and is completely ungovernable.

Why don't I fire this guy? Because, although he does nothing I ask him to do, he does everything well. He does what needs to be done, and sometimes more than I would ever expect from anyone. Though I tear my hair out about his blatant disregard for my wishes, I have to admit he's the best I've ever seen. He's like the first son in the parable: he says "No" but does "Yes".

Lots of people say No but do Yes in the reign of God. They don't go to church, baptise their babies, or live by the Book in the way we would like. They don't seem to worship the same God we do, or any God at all. Yet God has a different abacus than ours, and the tally may come out better for them than for faithful churchgoers who live by the Book but have no love in their hearts. Is this fair? Not while we are pushing the beads, perhaps. But God doesn't stoop so low as fairness, and all kinds of unlikely people are making their way toward the Kingdom. *GPBS eNews*

THE BIG GAME

The season was winding down. One more win and our eighth grade under 15's basketball team would be in the championship game against arch-rival Saint Sebastian. I played point guard, which was considered a good position to get in our team. So, it was no surprise, but it still stung me hard when I was told by the coach that I was being benched and my spot taken by a new classmate, Frank, who just arrived at our school and was quickly determined to be a better athlete than the rest of us. I sat on the bench hurt

and upset but trying not to show it.

Frank proved to be the difference, he knew the game and played like no one else. Each time I patted him on the back and congratulated him while the word "Unfair!" screamed in my head. In the last moments of the game, Frank turned his ankle making a great pass to save the game. We won. But Frank's foot would be in a cast for the big game. I was back in, vindicated. I felt bad, kinda, for him. But God knew I deserved to play! I didn't get much action in the game. But then again, most of us didn't. At least I passed one ball that helped along the way.

We lost. I was surprised that no one seemed that upset. At least we could say we made it to the championship game. We all felt good, including our new friend Frank. I had an early lesson in what Saint Paul calls "being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing".

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(2 - 8 October)

- **Monday, 2:** The Holy Guardian Angles (Ex 23:20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10)
- **Tuesday, 3:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Zech 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56)
- **Wednesday, 4:** St Francis of Assisi (Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62)
- **Thursday, 5:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Neh 8:1-12; Lk 10:1-12)
- **Friday, 6:** Weekday, Ord Time 26 (Baruch 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16)
- **Saturday, 7:** Our Lady of the Rosary (Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24)
- **Sunday 8:** 27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43)



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