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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 9.30am.
All welcome.



FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen; to cry
'Oppression!' in your ear and you will
not save?

Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is
tyranny?

Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord
flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down, inscribe it on
tablets to be easily read, since this
vision is for its own time only eager
for its own fulfilment, it does not
deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for
come it will, without fail.

See how he flags, he whose soul is
not at rights, but the upright man will
live by his faithfulness.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9

*If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the
Lord; hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving
thanks, with songs let us hail the
Lord. <R>

2. Come in; let us bow and bend
low; let us kneel before the God
who made us for he is our God
and we the people who belong to
his pasture, the flock that is led
by his hand. <R>

3. O that today you would listen to
his voice! 'Harden not your
hearts as at Meribah, as on that
day at Massah in the desert when
your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they
saw my work.' <R>

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame
the gift that God gave you when I laid
my hands on you. God's gift was not a
spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of
power, and love, and self-control. So
you are never to be ashamed of
witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of
me for being his prisoner; but with
me, bear the hardships for the sake of
the Good News, relying on the power
of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound
teaching you have heard from me, in
the faith and love that are in Christ
Jesus. You have been trusted to look
after something precious; guard it with
the help of the Holy Spirit who lives
in us.

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Bulletin Board

KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

August 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, Leonica Cruz Esplana .

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
05/10	P Bennett	M Glynn	C Berden
12/10	A Clark	W Bennett	H Mumford
19/10	M Slagter	TBA	H Mumford
26/10	P Bennett	K Hammat	H Mumford

PRIEST ROSTER

05/10	Fr Francis Showri
12/10	TBA



Sunday 30 November

Confirmation and First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 9.30am Mass at the Kingscote Catholic Church. Presiding priests will be Vicar General Fr Dean Marin and Fr Lancy D'Silva.

There will be a shared lunch after Church at the RYOB hall. You are most welcome to join the children and their families in the celebration.

Please pray for Winston and Ben as step by step they move towards completing their initiation into the Catholic faith community.

QUESTIONS OF DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

Interdiocesan Tribunal of Adelaide
In 2015, Pope Francis wrote 'charity and mercy demand that the Church, like a good mother, be near her children who feel themselves estranged from her'.

The Interdiocesan Tribunal of Adelaide is a service of the Church to assist with the pastoral care of Catholics and non-Catholics who are civilly divorced, and who are seeking to remarry or who want clarification of their standing in the Church.

The Tribunal also assists remarried persons seeking to have their current marriage recognised in the Church, as well as remarried persons wishing to be baptised or received in the Catholic Church.

Any divorced person, or a divorced and remarried person is welcome to contact the Adelaide office of the Tribunal to obtain further information, or to have their status within the Church clarified.

The office is open Monday to Friday, and you are welcome to contact the Tribunal on 8210 8225 or tribunal@adelaide.catholic.org.au

MISSION MONTH

October - World Mission Month

The Catholic Church stands as a beacon of hope, supporting communities through education, sustainable livelihoods, and healthcare. This World Mission Month, we invite you to journey with our missionaries, who are bringing Christ's love to those most in need.

BUILDING HOPE THROUGH HOUSING

The Big Tent

How can churches help to solve the housing crisis? According to Rob Stokes, former NSW Liberal minister and now chair of Faith Housing Australia, tens of thousands of social and affordable homes could be built on church-owned land.

He joins Graham West, former NSW Labor minister and now CEO of St Vincent de Paul Housing Australia, in The Big Tent with Geraldine Doogue to share how faith communities are repurposing their property to build essential housing.

It's a model of Australia's multicultural, multi-faith communities in action, in partnership with government and industry, providing homes to some of the nation's most vulnerable members.

Find out more about Faith Housing Australia: <https://fha.org.au/> Follow The Big Tent on Facebook or via its [podcasts](#), and keep sending your feedback!

WHAT'S ON

Oct	World Mission Month
19 Oct	Mission Day Appeal
26 Sep	Last day School term 3
6 Oct	Labour day holiday
13 Oct	First day School term 4
1 Nov	All Saints Day
2 Nov	All Souls Day
9 Nov	Supporting our Clergy Campaign
16 Nov	St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal
12 Dec	Last day School term 4
25 Dec	Catholic Charities Appeal



MISSIONARIES OF HOPE
among all peoples

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Stay tuned to learn how you can be part of this mission and help create a future filled with hope.

 Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission







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 TRADITION OF THE HEART – ROMAN CATHOLIC DEVOTIONS

Growing up in a Roman Catholic home, devotions were always a vital part of our religious diet. While our family saw the Eucharist as more important than devotions, we nourished our spiritual lives a lot on devotions, as did many Roman Catholics back then.

Among other things, we prayed the rosary every day, prayed the Angelus daily, prayed special litanies (St. Joseph in March, Mary in May and October, and the Sacred Heart of Jesus in June), prayed the Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent, were anxious to attend Eucharist on First Fridays and First Saturdays to obtain special promises from God, and said special prayers to obtain indulgences.

As well, there were pilgrimages to Marian shrines for those who could afford them and most everyone wore medals from Lourdes or Fatima and had a special devotion to those shrines (with a special devotion in my own family and parish to Our Lady of the Cape, at Cap De Madeleine, Quebec). Devotions were a big part of our spiritual lives.

What's to be said about devotions from a theological view and from the view of a culture that mostly distrusts them?

We might begin with the reaction of Martin Luther and the great Protestant reformers. They were fearful of two things in devotions. First, at that time, some devotions were too unbridled and were simply bad theology (famously, selling indulgences). Second, they saw devotions, not as necessarily bad in themselves, but as often displacing Jesus and God's Word as our center and main focus. And so, they distanced themselves from basically all Roman Catholic devotions, the unbridled as well as the healthy.

For the most part that Protestant and Evangelical distrust of Roman Catholic devotions has come down right to our own day. While that distrust is breaking down today in

some non-Roman churches today, it is still the prevalent attitude inside most Protestant and Evangelical circles. In brief, they distrust most devotions because they are seen not just as deflecting our focus from the centrality of Jesus and the Word, but also as potentially unhealthy contaminates, as junk food in our spiritual diet.

What's to be said about that?

It's a fair and needed warning to Roman Catholics (and others) who nourish their spiritual lives with devotions. Bottom line, devotions can easily ground themselves on shaky theology and can be a junk food contaminating our spiritual diet: where devotions replace scripture, Mary replaces Jesus as center, and certain ritual practices make God seem like a puppet on a string.

However, that being admitted, as Goethe once said, the dangers of life are many and safety is one of those dangers. Yes, devotions can be a danger, but they can also be a rich healthy supplement in our essential diet of Word and Eucharist.

Here's how Eric Mascall (the renowned Anglican theologian at Oxford with C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, Dorothy Sayers, and Austin Farrer) spells out both the danger of devotions and the danger of not having devotions as part of your spiritual life: The protestant reformers (Luther, Calvin, Zwingli) were so afraid of contamination by Roman Catholic devotions, that they put us on a diet of antiseptics. When you're on a diet of antiseptics, you won't suffer from food poisoning, but you can suffer from malnutrition.

That's an equal challenge to both those who practice devotions and those who fear them. The theology undergirding certain devotions admittedly can be sloppy (for example, Mary is not a co-redeemer with Jesus). However, inside many devotions (to Mary, to the saints, to Eucharist adoration, to the Sacred Heart) there can be a rich nutrition which helps nourish the center, namely, God's Word and the Eucharist.

The late Wendy Wright in her book *Sacred Heart: Gateway to God* makes a wonderful apologia for Catholic devotional practices, particularly devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. For her, Catholic devotional practices are a tradition of the heart. While Jesus remains central and his resurrection remains the real anchor for our faith, devotions can give us something beyond just this raw essential.

Using devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as an example, she writes: "In this devotion, we, and Jesus and the saints, exist in some essential way outside the chronology of historical time. The tradition of the heart makes this vividly, even grotesquely, clear. The divine-human correspondence is intimate. It is discovered in the flesh. Our fleshy hearts are fitted for all that is beyond flesh by conforming to the heart of Jesus. That divine-human heart is the passageway between earth and heaven. That heart is the tactile tracings of divine love on the created order. That heart is the widest, wildest longing of humankind's own love." The dangers of life are many and safety is one of those dangers. Devotions can deflect us from what's more central and can take their root in some questionable theology, but they can also, in Wendy Wright's words, be a blessed passageway for the heart between heaven and earth.

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



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If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this fig tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you. (Luke 17:6)

Small actions can make a big difference. A steady drip of water over a long period of time can wear a hole through solid rock. One shovel full of dirt at a time can make a hole big enough to plant a tree. Everyday acts of kindness can soften the hardest hearts. Our faith might seem small sometimes. Our actions might not seem to matter. But God is great! God can draw together our everyday sparks of love into roaring flames that light up the world.

Jesus, help me do small things with great love.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Pet 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever: it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"?'

Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."

THE MUSTARD SEED PROJECT

In a busy suburban parish, a small group of students decided they wanted to make a difference. They weren't looking to build a massive community centre or solve all the problems in the world – they just wanted to help in some small way.

One day, they approached their parish priest and said, "Father, we want to do something meaningful, but we don't know if what we do will really matter. We feel like our efforts are tiny."

The priest smiled and said, "Even faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains. Start small. Plant a seed, and see what grows."

Inspired, the students began "The Mustard Seed Project." Each week, they committed to small acts of kindness around their school and parish: leaving notes of encouragement for classmates, helping clean the church after Mass, visiting elderly parishioners, sharing snacks with

friends who forgot lunch, or simply offering a listening ear to someone who was having a rough day.

At first, it seemed like nothing had changed. But slowly, the energy began to shift. Other students noticed and joined in. Families saw the joy in their children's eyes and started volunteering. Teachers began integrating the small acts of kindness into classroom routines. Over time, these little seeds of faith and love grew into something extraordinary – a community alive with care, hope, and generosity.

The students realised what Jesus meant: it doesn't take huge gestures to make a difference. Small acts, rooted in faith and love, ripple outward in ways we cannot always see. One mustard seed can become a tree that shelters, nourishes, and inspires.

By the end of the year, the parish and school had a new culture – one of generosity, compassion, and hope. The students learned a powerful lesson: faith, even tiny, is never wasted.

Simple message: Start small, act with love, and trust God to multiply your efforts. Every kind word, every small act, every prayer is a seed that can grow into something amazing.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(06 - 12 October)

- **Monday, 06:** Weekday, Ord Time 27 (Jonah 1:1-2:1,11; Lk 10:25-37)
- **Tuesday, 07:** Our Lady of the Rosary (Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42)
- **Wednesday, 08:** Weekday, Ord Time 27 (Jonah 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4)
- **Thursday, 09:** Weekday, Ord Time 27 (Mal 3:13-20; Lk 11:5-13)
- **Friday, 10:** Weekday, Ord Time 27 (Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26)
- **Saturday, 11:** Weekday, Ord Time 27 (Joel 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28)
- **Sunday 12:** 28th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (2Kg 5:14-17; 2 Tim 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19)

PASTORAL CARE

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