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

WEEKEND MASSES

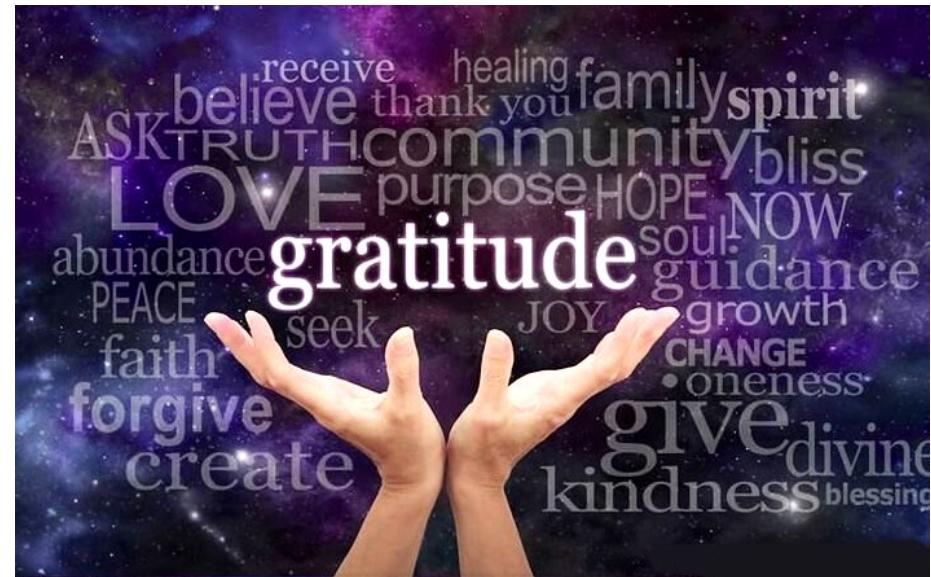
Kingscote at 9.30am

CONFESION

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

2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 97:1-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. <R>
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. <R>

3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy. <R>

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Thess 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

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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 Laundy, Josh 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, 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 Hammatt	H Mumford

PRIEST ROSTER

05/10	Fr Francis Showri
12/10	TBA

ENTRANCE ANTIphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

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.

MISSIONARIES OF HOPE



In two weeks, we'll share with you the story of two inspiring missionaries, Sr Jane and midwife Kayula, who are helping to lift women like Sharon out of poverty and provide life-saving care to mothers like Grace and their newborn babies.

You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, as your prayers and support are crucial in ensuring these programs can move forward.



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As parishioners and families, we are invited to be the ones who return. Gratitude changes how we see our lives. It opens our eyes to God's presence in the ordinary: in the laughter at the dinner table, the strength to get through a tough day, the love shared in a parish community. Gratitude shifts our focus from what we lack to what we've been given.

This week, try to pause and name what you're thankful for. Say a prayer of thanks before meals, on the way to work, or while putting the kids to bed. Let "thank you, Lord" become a rhythm in your home and heart.

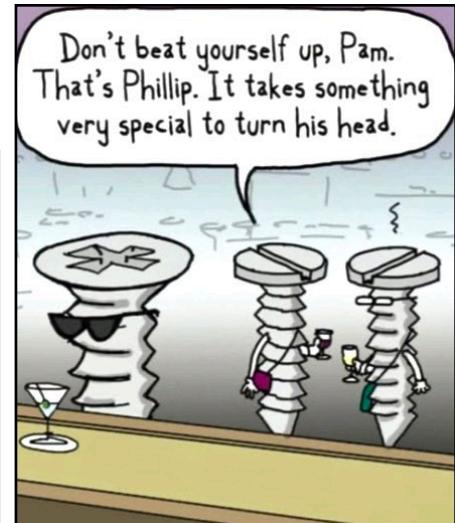
When we return to give thanks, we find that gratitude doesn't just bless God – it transforms us. Like the healed man, we rise renewed, ready to live our faith with joy.

"Gratitude is the memory of the heart." (Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop)

GPBS eNews

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





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

THE WORLD WILL BE SAVED

In the movie *The English Patient* there's a very heartwarming scene.

A number of people from various countries are thrown together by circumstance in an abandoned villa in post-war Italy. Among them are a young nurse, attending to an English pilot who's been badly burned in an air crash, and a young Asian man whose job is to find and defuse landmines. The young man and the nurse become friends and, one day, he announces he has a special surprise for her.

He takes her to an abandoned church in which he has set up a series of ropes and pulleys that will lift her to the ceiling where, hidden in darkness, are beautiful mosaics and wonderful works of art that cannot be seen from the floor. He gives her a torch as a light and pulls her up through a series of ropes so that she swings like an angel with wings, high above the floor and is able with the help of her torch to see beautiful masterpieces hidden in the dark.

For her, the experience is one of exhilaration; she has the sensation of flying and of seeing wonderful beauty all at the same time. When she's finally lowered back to the floor she's flushed with excitement and gratitude and covers the young man's face with kisses, saying over and over again: "Thank you, thank you, thank you for showing this to me!"

And from her expression, you see too that she is expressing a double thanks: "Thank you for showing me something that I could never have come to on my own and thank you for trusting me enough to think that I would understand this, for trusting that I would get it!"

There's a lesson here? The Church needs to do for the world exactly what this young man did for his nurse friend; it needs to show the

world where to look for a beauty it would not find on its own, a beauty that is hidden in darkness. And it needs to trust that people will "get it," will appreciate the richness of what they are being shown.

Where might the Church find such hidden beauty? In the deep rich wells of its own history, and in nature, in art, in science, in children, in the energy of the young, and in the wisdom of the old. There are treasures of beauty hidden everywhere. The Church's task is to point these out to the world. Why?

Because beauty has the power to touch and transform the soul, to instil wonder and gratitude in a way that few things have. Confucius understood this. That's why he suggested that beauty is the greatest of all teachers and why he based his philosophy of education on beauty. People can doubt almost anything, except beauty.

Why can't beauty be doubted? Because beauty is an attribute of God. Classical Christian philosophy and theology tell us that God has four *transcendental* properties, namely, God is "*One, True, Good, and Beautiful.*" If this is true, then to be touched by beauty is to be touched by God; to admire beauty is to admire God; to be shown beauty in hidden places is to be shown God in hidden places; to be in awe of beauty is to be in awe of God; and to feel that awe is to feel a homesickness for heaven.

The renowned theologian Hans Urs Von Balthasar highlighted how beauty is a key component in how God speaks to us and how that should colour how we speak about God to the world.

However, we shouldn't be naïve in our understanding of this. Beauty isn't always pretty in the way that popular culture perceives it. Granted, beauty can be seen in the spectacular colours of a sunset, or in the smile

and innocence of a child, or in the perfection of a Michelangelo sculpture, but it can also be seen in the wrinkles of an old woman and in the toothless smile of an old man.

God speaks through beauty and so must we. Moreover, we must believe enough in people's sensitivity and intelligence to trust that they, like the nurse in *The English Patient*, will appreciate what they are being shown.

In a famous line (often quoted by Dorothy Day) Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoevsky writes: *The world will be saved by beauty.* What's the logic here? How might beauty cure the many ills which beset us?

Here's Dostoevsky's algebra: In the face of brutality, what's needed is tenderness; in the face of hype and ideology, what's needed is truth; in the face of bitterness and curses, what's needed are graciousness and blessing; in the face of hatred and murder, what's needed are love and forgiveness; in the face of the kind of familiarity that breeds contempt, what's needed are awe and wonder; and in the face the ugliness and vulgarity that pervades our world and our evening news, what's needed is beauty.

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



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If we are unfaithful, God remains faithful ... (2 Timothy 2: 13)

A long time ago, I lost a friend because I did something that hurt him. I was very sorry, but he was not willing to forgive me, so we stopped being friends. Jesus is a different kind of friend. Although he wants us to be loyal to him and his Church, he also knows that sometimes we let him down. Jesus knows we do the wrong thing at times and make mistakes. But unlike my old friend, Jesus is always ready to forgive us and stay friends with us.

Jesus, thank you for forgiving me, even when I let you down.

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GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.'

Now as they were going away they were cleansed.

Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

A PRODIGAL GOD

Dictionary define "prodigal" as "wastefully extravagant and lavishly abundant." That certainly describes the God that Jesus incarnates and reveals.

We see this in the parable of the Sower. God, the Sower, goes out to sow and he scatters his seed generously, almost wastefully, everywhere – on the road, among the rocks, among the thorns, on bad soil, and on rich soil. No farmer would ever do this. Who would waste seed on soil that can never produce a harvest? God, it seems, doesn't ask that question but simply keeps scattering his seed everywhere, over generously, without calculating whether it is a good investment or not in terms of return. And, it seems, God has an infinite number of seeds to scatter, perpetually, everywhere. God is prodigious beyond imagination.

Among other things, this speaks of God's infinite riches, love, and patience. For us, there is both a huge challenge and a huge consolation in that. The challenge, of course, is to respond to the infinite number of invitations that God scatters on our path from minute to minute.

The consolation is that no matter how many of God's invitations we ignore, there will always be an infinite number of others. No matter how many we've already ignored or turned down, there are new ones awaiting us each minute. When we've gone through 39 days of Lent without praying or changing our lives, there's still a 40th day to respond. When we've ignored a thousand invitations, there's still another one waiting. God is prodigal, so are the chances God gives us.

If we look back on our lives and are truly honest, we have to admit that of all the invitations that God has sent us, we've probably accepted and acted on only a fraction of them. There have been countless times we've turned away from an invitation. For every invitation to maturity we've accepted, we've probably turned down a hundred. But that's the beauty and wonder of God's richness. God is not a petty creator and creation, itself, is not a cheap machine with barely enough energy and resources to keep it going. God and nature are prodigal. That's plain everywhere. Millions and millions of life-giving seeds blow everywhere in the world and we need only to pick up a few to become pregnant, fecund, capable of newness, maturity, and of producing life.

Ronald Rolheiser

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(13 - 19 October)

- **Monday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 28 (Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32)
- **Tuesday, 14:** Weekday, Ord Time 28 (Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41:)
- **Wednesday, 15:** St Teresa of Jesus (Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46)
- **Thursday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 28 (Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54)
- **Friday, 17:** St Ignatius of Antioch (Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7)
- **Saturday, 18:** St Luke (2 Tim 4:10-17; Lk 10:1-9)
- **Sunday 19:** 29th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tim 3:14 - 4:2; Lk 18:1-8)

PASTORAL CARE

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