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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mrs Wendy Bennett (0475 894 755
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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.

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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

Ecclesiasticus
15:15-20

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of

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I DID NOT COME TO ABOLISH....



BUT TO
FULFILL

heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:17-27

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved.

Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Stephanie Langridge, Carmen Northcott, Joella Davidson

February anniversaries:

Heather Barrett, Joan Marie Berden, Mary Clark, Phillip Deakin, Allice Ellick, Alfred Gray, Bernadette Hehir, Kenneth Howard, Ron King, Jamie Larcombe, Frank May, Tom Meaney, Allan Moray, Pat Pawelski, Horace Riley, Christopher Riley, Bert Willson

Please pray for all the faithful departed and all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends.

PARISH ROSTERS

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
12/2	M Glynn	M Slagter	A Clark
19/2	S Semmler	A Gibbs	A Clark
26/2	L Grant	P Clark	C Berden

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)
12/02 TBA

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:
BSB 085 005
A/c No 585353994
Reference: K Island or 765

2nd Collection:
BSB 085 005
A/c No 918111484
Reference: Your name

CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION 2023

(Commencing February 19)
“Each year, Project Compassion comes as a timely reminder of the importance of solidarity and how a single act of kindness – whether big or small, can make a life-changing impact in the lives of those who need it most.”
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2023 LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKS

will be available again to all parishes across the Archdiocese. It is a prayerful resource that can be used in a

group setting or at home, this Lenten season. The Psalm and Gospel readings for each Sunday in Lent are included in the booklet along with reflections written by clergy and lay people in our Archdiocese and small group questions that are suitable from secondary students to adults.

LENT 2023

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent23>
Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

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DAY of the UNBORN CHILD APPEAL

A **Special Collection** will be held this weekend (12 February) to support the work undertaken by Birthline Pregnancy Support, Mothers without Medicare and Genesis Prenancy Support Inc.

DATES

- 14 Feb St Valentine’s Day
- 16 Feb KI Racing Carnival
- 22 Feb Ash Wednesday
- 26 Feb First Sunday of Lent
- 3 Mar World Day of Prayer
- 13 Mar Adelaide Cup Day
- 17 Mar St Patrick’s Day
- 14 Apr Last day School term 1
- 6 Apr Thursday of Lord’s supper
- 7 Apr Good Friday
- 8 Apr Holy Saturday
- 9 Apr Easter Sunday
- 10 Apr Easter Monday
- 21 Apr Marian Procession
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 1 May First day School term 2
- 12 Jun King’s birthday
- 7 Jul Last day School term 2
- 24 Jul First day School term 3
- 29 Sep Last day School term 3

- 2 Oct Labour Day
- 16 Oct First day School term 4
- 15 Dec Last day School term 4

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

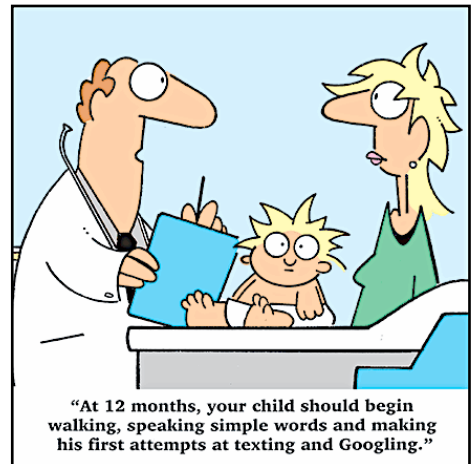
The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen’s initiative.



It is run under the motto: **“Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action,”** and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together people of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

This year the World Day of Prayer is being held in our Church. This is an ecumenical event and all the Church-goers on the Island are invited to join us for this special service, followed by an afternoon tea. The featured country is Taiwan.

Please put this date and time in your diaries - **2.00pm on Friday, 3 March** (bring a plate to share). Contact Christine Weatherstone to register your attendance (0490 710 781).



“At 12 months, your child should begin walking, speaking simple words and making his first attempts at texting and Googling.”



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

OUR OVER-BURDENED PLANET

Creating the human race may be the single biggest mistake that evolution made. Douglas Abrams writes this in *The Book of Hope*, a book he co-authored with Jane Goodall. While that is a rather despairing view, in the end, this book is a book of hope, though not without it issuing a dire warning: There are now over eight billion people on this planet and already we are using up nature's limited resources faster than nature can replace them. In less than thirty years from now, there will probably be ten billion of us and if we carry on with business as usual, that could spell the end of the earth as we know it.

What do we need to do to turn this around? Goodall and Abrams suggest four things:

First, we must alleviate poverty. When people are hungry and desperate, their thoughts are not on the big picture, namely, the long-range future and the overall good of all humans and the planet. Understandably, their thoughts will be focused on survival and there will be no hesitation in cutting down the last tree to grow food or catching that last fish still alive. Desperation and concern for the big picture generally don't go together.

Second, we must reduce the unsustainable lifestyles of the affluent. Mother earth is not a limitless resource and cannot continue indefinitely to sustain our present lifestyles. Moreover, this is true not just for the lavish lifestyles of the rich, but for all of us in most countries. We haven't faced the fact that everything is limited and hence, we continue to buy in excess, consume in excess, use electrical energy in excess, waste food in excess, use gasoline in excess, and create garbage in excess. This cannot continue much longer. Already millions of desperate refugees on borders everywhere and dramatic shifts in climate most everywhere are

telling us that we must make changes, and soon. Our planet is big, but it is finite, and it cannot sustain the limitless demands of unexamined consumption.

Third, we must eliminate corruption and economic self-interest. Without good government and honest leadership that focuses on the big picture rather than on its own self-interests, it is impossible to solve our enormous social, economic, and environmental problems. As a Barbara Kingsolver character quips in her recent novel, *Unsheltered*, the free-market has the same morality as a cancer cell. The entrepreneurial spirit that drives our economies serves us well in many ways and affords us comforts, freedoms, and opportunities that few in history have ever had. However, generally it is to the big picture what a cancer cell is to the body, a single cell growing on its own without connection to the overall health of the body. Like a cancer cell, the free-market (with some exceptions) does not take the big picture and the long-range health of the whole body into account.

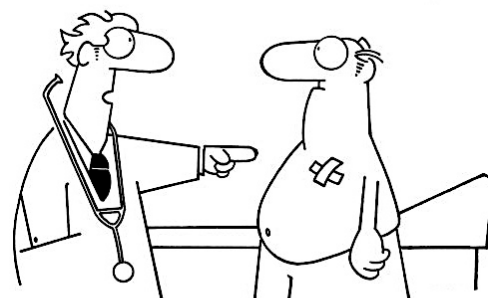
Fourth, we must face up to the problems caused by an ever-growing population. For most of history, religious and moral voices have literally commanded people to have children. *Increase and multiply.* This was a sacred duty, owed to God and the human race. However, for a large part, this was predicated on fears that the human race, like any species, was perennially in danger of becoming extinct. Indeed, there was the constant threat that his might happen. Diseases, famines, war, high infant mortality, a short life span, and disasters of all kinds constantly threatened the human species. Humans, like every species, needed to ensure that the species went on. That made sense, in every way, until this present century. Now, with the looming prospect of ten billion people on this planet, the threat of extinction arises more from our sheer number than from some external threat. The planet can only accommodate a given number of us at one time. Granted there are soul issues, moral issues, and religious

issues involved with any talk of limiting human growth. Nonetheless, however complex these issues, unexamined growth must now be examined.

Abrams is wrong. *Creating the human race was not a tragic mistake that evolution made!* Creating the human person was not an accidental and undesired product of blind evolution. God is the author of the process of evolution and God doesn't make mistakes. God intended from the very beginning for us, human persons, to emerge from the process. Even more, God intended us to have a very special role in the process, namely, to be that place in the process where nature finally becomes conscious of itself and can then proactively help God shape the process towards a final peace and unity (*the Kingdom of God*) that will include all of us and the planet itself.

Humans weren't a mistake, though admittedly much of our stewarding has been because we tend to think of the world as something we can strip mine in any way that benefits us rather than as a garden, with limited resources, which we have been asked to care for with love.

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



"Whenever your cholesterol gets too high, a sensor will send out a signal that automatically locks the kitchen door and turns on your treadmill."

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 09/02/23)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is strongly recommended.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

DID YOU KNOW?

- Two of the major divisions of the Jewish Scriptures are the Law (comprising the first five books of the Old Testament, the Hebrew Torah) and the Prophets (nebi'im in Hebrew). The other major division is known as the Writings (ketubim in Hebrew) and comprises the Wisdom literature of Israel, including such books as the Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Job and Ruth.
- The Pharisees were a group of very pious Jews who observed all the laws of Israel. They are often depicted in the gospels as overly legalistic or even hypocritical, but this is probably an unfair depiction that has been influenced by the events surrounding the separation of the early Christians from the mainstream Jewish religion after the destruction of the temple in AD 70.
- The origin of the term scribes is unclear and seems to cover a variety of functions and bureaucratic officers. The term does not seem to denote a group with particular religious beliefs but, rather, learned men more generally. During the time of Jesus, they were probably influential in the temple and at various levels of government.

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something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

‘You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

‘It has also been said: *Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal.* But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

‘Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord.* But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God’s throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is “Yes” if you mean yes, “No” if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.’

WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART?

Years ago, New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd interviewed former President Jimmy Carter during a book tour. At the time, an East Coast political candidate was under fire for her unfortunate comments taken from scripture on sexuality. For Dowd it

brought back memories of Carter’s notorious confession in a Playboy magazine interview in 1976. “While he had always been faithful to soul (and sole) mate Rosalynn,” Dowd wrote, he acknowledged that he had committed adultery “in his heart,” a frank and humble admission with this week’s gospel in mind.

Carter might have been naïve in answering the interviewer’s question so honestly using terms of his own Christian faith. His candour about sinning in his heart earned a flurry of Tonight Show jokes on the one hand and the disdain of the sanctimonious on the other. “I dropped 15 percentage points,” Carter said, “and I almost lost the election”. Pointing to Carter’s continuing frankness even today, Dowd says several times in her column, “It’s not easy being Jimmy”.

But then it’s not easy for anyone to be a Christian, and it shouldn’t be. Jesus’ words about the gravity of anger and adultery are meant to take us more deeply into our own hearts to examine not only how well we keep rules and laws but to be sure that we understand that merely “looking good” to others is not the same as being good or doing good – and it is the latter that matters to God.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(13 - 19 February)

- **Monday, 13:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (Gen 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13)
- **Tuesday, 14:** Sts Cyril, and Methodius (Gen 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21)
- **Wednesday, 15:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (Gen 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26)
- **Thursday, 16:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (Gen 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33)
- **Friday, 17:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (Gen 11:1-9; Mk 8:34-9:1)
- **Saturday, 18:** Weekday Ord Time 6 (Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13)
- **Sunday 19:** 7th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48)

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