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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

Wisdom 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was
given me; I entreated, and the spirit of
Wisdom came to me.

I esteemed her more than sceptres and
thrones; compared with her, I held
riches as nothing.

I reckoned no priceless stone to be her
peer, or compared with her, all gold is
a pinch of sand, and beside her silver
ranks as mud.

I loved her more than health or
beauty, preferred her to the light,
since her radiance never sleeps.

In her company all good things came
to me, at her hands riches not to be
numbered.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 89:12-17

*Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!*

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God is something alive
and active: it cuts like any double-
edged sword but more finely: it can
slip through the place where the
soul is divided from the spirit, or
joints from the marrow; it can judge
the secret emotions and thoughts.

No created thing can hide from him;
everything is uncovered and open to
the eyes of the one to whom we
must give account of ourselves.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey
when a man ran up, knelt before him
and put this question to him, 'Good
master, what must I do to inherit
eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why
do you call me good? No one is good
but God alone. You know the
commandments: You must not kill;
You must not commit adultery; You
must not steal; You must not bring
false witness; You must not defraud;
Honour your father and mother.' And
he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all
these from my earliest days.' Jesus
looked steadily at him and loved him,
and he said, 'There is one thing you
lack. Go and sell everything you own
and give the money to the poor, and
you will have treasure in heaven; then
come, follow me.' But his face fell at
these words and he went away sad, for
he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his
disciples, 'How hard it is for those
who have riches to enter the kingdom
of God!' The disciples were astounded
by these words, but Jesus insisted,

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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 Laundy, Rebecca 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.

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
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

13/10	Fr Jacek Wojic
20/10	Communion Liturgy
27/10	Fr John James
2/11	Fr George Oluoch
3/11	Fr George Oluoch

GOD AND THE STARS

'God and the Stars' will be held at Christ the King, Lockleys, parish hall on Friday, November 8 at 7.00pm. The night will involve an interactive session where Fr Michael Trainor and Dr Andrew Guidi will offer an exploration of the relationship

between theology and science linking back to the story of creation in the Book of Genesis. Michael will explore the ancient, pre-scientific world of the Bible and how this is reflected in the biblical cosmology, Psalms and other parts of the Bible. Andrew will draw on his professional leadership in space technology and his involvement in satellite surveillance.

Cost to attend will be \$15 to cover a selection of wines and cheeses for the night which will have an international focus to reflect the many cultures of parishioners which make up the parish.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to: info@lockleysparish.com or 8356 8887, with numbers by November 1, along with payment. If you would like to bring along a bottle of wine or some cheese on the night with an international focus to share that would be very much appreciated.

KANGAROO ISLAND CATHOLIC PARISH 70th Anniversary

Date: Sunday November 17

Venue: Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Church, Kingscote

Time: 9.30am, followed by lunch at the RAOB Lions Hall at 12.00pm.

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan DD will be the main celebrant.

Please contact Helen Mumford (kimumford@bigpond.com or 0408 367 009) to advise if you can attend or if you have any questions.

WORLD MISSION MONTH

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance vital services in Mongolia.

Your support can make a significant difference in supporting essential services to people in need.



To make a donation, use the envelopes distributed at Masses last weekend, Freecall 1800 257 296, scan the QR code,

or go to catholicmission.org.au/mongolia.

SECOND ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan and John Lochowiak are participating in the Synod on Synodality being held in Rome in October. Please pray for both of them and the process of the Synod. We pray that as a Church we will all better understand that we are invited to walk together and to listen to each other prayerfully.

Information around the synod can be found here: www.synod.va/en.html

RALLY FOR LIFE

On the steps of Parliament House - Tuesday October 15 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

This gathering will support the upcoming Hon Ben Hood MLC's Termination of Pregnancy (Terminations and Live Births) Amendment Bill 2024 which will be voted in Parliament at the end of October and seek to wind back extreme consequences of late term abortions in South Australia. Since mid-2022, 45 fully formed and healthy babies have been killed at late-stage gestation in SA, when they could have been birthed alive.

Fr Dean Marin (Vicar General)




In the harsh Mongolian winter, where temperatures can dip to minus 40 degrees Celsius, survival is often difficult. In two weeks, we'll share with you the story of Chuluunbaatar, who faces the realities of homelessness on a daily basis. You'll learn how your generous support will help with essential services to people in need like Chuluunbaatar.

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

GO AND INVITE EVERYONE to the banquet

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SCAN ME 



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

REFUGEES, IMMIGRANTS, AND JESUS

On borders everywhere in the world today we find refugees, millions of them. They're easily demonized, seen as a nuisance, a threat, as invaders, as criminals fleeing justice in their homelands. But mostly they are decent, honest people fleeing poverty, hunger, victimization, and violence. And these reasons for fleeing their homelands strongly suggest that most of them are not criminals.

Irrespective of the fact that most of them are good people, they are still seen most everywhere as a problem. We need to keep them out! They are a threat! Indeed, politicians frequently use the verb *invasion* to describe their presence on our borders.

What's to be said about this? Do we just let everyone in? Do we select judiciously among them, letting some in and keeping others out? Do we put up walls and barbed wire to block their entry? What's to be our response?

These questions need to be examined from two perspectives: pragmatically and biblically.

Pragmatically this is a huge issue. We cannot simply open all borders and let millions of people flood into our countries. That's unrealistic. On the other hand, we may not justify our reluctance to let refugees into our countries by appealing to the bible, or to Jesus, or to the naïve rationalization that "our" countries are ours and we have a right to be here while others don't unless we grant them entrance. Why not?

For Christians, there are a number of non-negotiable biblical principles at play here.

First, God made the world for everybody. We are stewards of a property not our own. We don't own anything, God does, and God made

the world for everybody. That's a principle we too easily ignore when we speak of barring others from entering "our" country. We happen to be stewards here, in a country that belongs to the whole world.

Second, the Bible everywhere, in both testaments of scripture, is clear (and strong) in challenging us to welcome the stranger and the immigrant. This is everywhere present in the Jewish scriptures and is a strong motif at the very heart of Jesus' message. Indeed, Jesus begins his ministry by telling us that he has come to bring good news to the poor. Hence, any teaching, preaching, pastoral practice, political policy, or action that is not good news for the poor is not the gospel of Jesus Christ, whatever its political or ecclesial expediency. And, if it is not good news for the poor, it may not cloak itself with the Gospel or with Jesus. Hence, any decisions we make vis-à-vis refugees and immigrants should not be antithetical to the fact that the Gospels are about bringing good news to the poor.

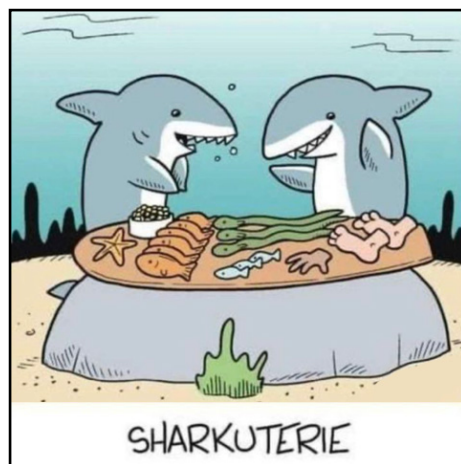
Moreover, Jesus makes this even clearer when he identifies the poor with his own person (*Whoever you do to the least of my people, you do to me*) and tells us that at the end of the day we will be judged by how we treat the immigrants and refugees (*Depart from me because I was a stranger and you didn't welcome me*). There are few texts in scripture as raw and challenging as this one (Matthew 25, 35-40)

Finally, we also find this challenge in scripture: God challenges us to welcome foreigners (immigrants) and share our love, food, and clothing with them *because we ourselves were once immigrants* (Deuteronomy 10, 18-19). And this isn't just some abstract biblical axiom, especially for us who live in North America. Except for the Indigenous nations (whom we forcefully displaced) we are all immigrants here and are challenged by our faith never to forget this, not

least when dealing with hungry people on our borders. Of course, those of us who have been here for a number of generations can make the moral case that we have been here a long time and are no longer immigrants. But perhaps a more compelling moral case can be made suggesting it can be rather self-serving to close the borders after we ourselves are in.

These are biblical challenges. However, after they are affirmed, we are still left with the practical question; what realistically do we (and many countries around the world) do with the millions and millions of men, women, and children arriving at our border? How do we honor the fact that the land we live in belongs to everyone? How do we honor that fact that, as Christians, we have to think first about the poor? How will we face Jesus in judgment when he asks us why we didn't welcome him when he was in the guise of a refugee? And how do we honor the fact that almost every one of us is an immigrant, living in a country we forcibly took from someone else?

There are no easy answers to those questions, even while at the end of the day we still need to make some practical political decisions. However, in our pragmatism, in sorting this out, we should never be confused about which side Jesus and the Bible are on.



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?

- Jesus is again quoting from the Torah or Law, this time the Ten Commandments (see Ex 20:7-17, Deut 5:11-21) also known as the Decalogue.
- At the time of Jesus, being a wealthy person was seen as a sign of God's favour; a reward for being a righteous person. Jesus' teaching here is a challenge to that attitude.
- In the early Church it was the practice that wealth and goods were shared in common (Acts 2:44-47). No-one should be in need.
- The Church upholds the right to own private property, but this right comes with a responsibility to share our wealth with those who do not have the basic necessities of life.

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'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land - not without persecutions - now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

POSSESSED

Looking at his disciples, Jesus said, "Do you have any idea how difficult it is for people who 'have it all' to enter God's kingdom?" The disciples couldn't believe what they were hearing, but Jesus kept on: "You can't imagine how difficult. I'd say it's easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for the rich to get into God's kingdom. (Mk 10:23 - 25)

The lie about all of our stuff is this: We possess it. In fact, our possessions own us more powerfully than we can ever hope to claim them. Make a mental list of what you think you've got: home, car, lawn, furniture, bank accounts, education, title, position, relationships, and responsibilities. Whatever we have, it also has us. And what it costs us to maintain all of our stuff goes much deeper than our wallets. It takes time and life and effort and will to keep all the stuff of our lives in place.

Even the poorest person on the planet possesses something; the goal isn't to renounce all resources because we can't. We'd still be in possession of our lives. The spiritual goal is to surrender what we possess, so that it can't make us less free. If we

surrender our resources to God's purposes, then no one can take anything from us. We become liberated when our worldly wealth is at the disposal of God's will. Those who walk off with heavy hearts are dragging their possessions with them.

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KIDS' CORNER

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. (Psalm 90:14)

Each morning when you get up, you have an important choice to make: What will you think about? You could think about someone who made you angry yesterday or about something unpleasant that you've got to do today. On the other hand, you could think about some of the good stuff you're going to enjoy. You can think about the friends you're going to see. You can think about God who loves you and who will be with you all day long. Starting your day with happy thoughts is a lot more fun. It will bring more joy into your entire day!

God living among us, thank you for the good things each day brings.
Amen.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(October 14 - 20)

- **Monday, 14:** Weekday, Ord Time 28 (Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31- 5:1; Lk 11:29-32)
- **Tuesday, 15:** St Teresa of Jesus (Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41)
- **Wednesday, 16:** Weekday, Ord Time 28 (Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46)
- **Thursday, 17:** St Ignatius of Antioch, (Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54)
- **Friday, 18:** St Luke, (2Tim 4:10-17; Lk 10:1-9)
- **Saturday, 19:** Weekday, Ord Time 28 (Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12)
- **Sunday 20:** 29th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45)

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