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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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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

Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts
will prepare for all people a banquet
of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained
wines.

On this mountain he will remove the
mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all
nations, he will destroy Death for
ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears
from every cheek; he will take away
his people's shame everywhere on
earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is
our God in whom we hoped for
salvation; the Lord is the one in
whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has
saved us; for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22

*I shall live in the house of the Lord all
the days of my life.*

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know
how to be rich too. I have been
through my initiation and now I am
ready for anything anywhere: full
stomach or empty stomach, poverty

or plenty. There is nothing I cannot
master with the help of the One who
gives me strength. All the same, it was
good of you to share with me in my
hardships. In return my God will fulfil
all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as
lavishly as only God can. Glory to
God, our Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Eph 1:17,18

Alleluia, alleluia!

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the
hope to which we are called.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and
elders of the people, "The kingdom of
heaven may be compared to a king
who gave a feast for his son's
wedding. He sent his servants to call
those who had been invited, but they
would not come. Next he sent some
more servants. "Tell those who have
been invited" he said "that I have my
banquet all prepared, my oxen and
fattened cattle have been slaughtered,
everything is ready. Come to the
wedding." But they were not
interested: one went off to his farm,
another to his business, (Cont page 4)



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.

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
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)

15/10 Fr Justin

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ENGLISH TEACHERS, YOUTH WORKERS & MINISTERS

The Cagliero Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians who wish to work with young people in the Asia-Pacific region.

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2024 departure. Our volunteer placements run for 6-12 months and are centred around working with young people in educational settings. We are currently recruiting for volunteers for Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste, Australia and the Solomon Islands.

Cagliero volunteers commit themselves to working in the 'Salesian way'. This means that young people are the central focus in all work. The Salesian way also means approaching life in a joyful way with a loving heart. The experience as a Cagliero volunteer is not about the volunteer but is focused on the people we go to serve. However, serving as a Cagliero volunteer will probably be the most rewarding thing you ever do!

For more information, or to send us an enquiry, follow this link:

<http://cagliero.org.au/>

Applications close October 31. Contact: Lauren Hichaaba, Director of

the Cagliero Project
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YOUNG ADULT SUMMER ECO CAMP February 7-12, 2024

This four-day event is for students and any young adults (18-35) who have a concern for the care of Earth. Participants will engage with the local natural environment, hear inspiring speakers and have time to reflect and share. Through attentiveness to Earth and each other, it is envisaged that participants will feel empowered to act for the care of our planet with hope. For more details see <https://jisa.org.au/2024-young-adult-summer-eco-camp/>

DON'T MISS THE INVITE

I remember how much it hurt. I was in high school and a friend told me that I was not invited to hang out at his place because another person, who didn't like me, didn't want me there.

Rejection. We've all faced it. We've been the last person chosen for a team. We've been ignored at a party. We've sat alone at lunch. A friend has turned on us.

That's why this week's Gospel is such good news. God invites all people to a life full of friendship. Jesus told this parable to criticise religious leaders of his time who rejected his message. Sadly for them, they missed the feast.

Jesus' parable has two more important points. Nothing stops God's party, and God tries to get everyone there.

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"The WiFi password is: 'buysomethingorleave'"



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 LIFESTYLE AND OUR OVER-STRAINED PLANET

In a book, *The Book of Hope*, which he co-authored with Jane Goodall, Douglas Abrams makes this statement: *Creating the human race may be the single biggest mistake evolution ever made.*

He says this tongue-in-cheek since he recognizes that the emergence of the human race was clearly intended by the evolutionary process and that rather than being a colossal mistake it is the apex of the process.

Nonetheless, today, the human race is a huge threat to planet earth. Simply put, there are now over seven billion people on the planet and already in many places we have used up nature's limited resources faster than nature can replace them. By the year 2050 there will probably be ten billion of us. If we carry on with business as usual, the planet simply cannot sustain us, at least if we continue in our present lifestyle.

And the lifestyle referred to here is not, first of all, the lavish lifestyle of the rich who can be reckless and consume more than their share of resources. They, of course, contribute to the problem and unduly influence the rest of us in our own habits of consumption; but, the lifestyle referred to here is what you and I, conscientious consumers, are living, even as we conserve, recycle, compost, drive electric cars, and try to live simply.

I can take myself as an example. I'm trying to be sensitive to what my own consumption is doing to mother earth. By comparison to those who have a luxurious lifestyle, I can claim to live pretty simply. I don't buy what I don't need, have a very small wardrobe, and am cautious about the amount of electricity and water I use. I drive a second-hand compact car and try to drive it only when necessary. I help assure that the thermostat in our house is set so as to ensure the minimal use of electrical energy, and I live in a relatively small house, recycle, and try to use as little plastic as possible.

But, on the other hand, I have two computers, a desktop in my office and a laptop at home. I have a cellphone which, through the years, has had to be updated four different times in terms of buying a new model and junking the old one. I shower daily and, depending upon physical work and exercise, sometimes take a second shower. I drive a car. I get on an airplane at least once a month for conferences and meetings and I fly internationally several times a year to visit family. I don't have a lot of clothes, but my ministry and work require a certain standard of dress (which I meet minimally).

I think I can claim a simple lifestyle, given where I live and the work I do. However, realistically, if all seven (plus) billion people in the world lived as I do, there wouldn't be enough resources to sustain us. Bottom-line, the world cannot support eight billion people if everyone lives as I do, and as most of us do in the more affluent parts of our world. What's the answer?

We can lay a guilt trip on ourselves and on others, though this isn't necessarily helpful. What can be helpful? There's no easy answer. Those of us living in the more affluent parts of our world can make changes, but can we simply stop using computers and mobile phones? We can conserve water, but can we abandon our present standards of hygiene? We can conserve electricity, but can we simply stop driving our cars and darken all our city buildings at night? We can be more scrupulous on how much we travel on airplanes, but can we live without airplane travel? We can cut back on what we

buy in terms of excess food, excess clothing, and excess luxuries and entertainment. We can recycle, compost, and not use plastic bags – and all of this, cumulatively, will make a difference. Indeed, all of this needs to be done. However, helpful though this is, it alone will not solve the problem.

For Jane Goodall, beyond these individual things, we need to do some collective things to solve the existential threat to this planet. Goodall names three: First, we must alleviate poverty. If there are people living in crippling poverty, it is understandable that they will cut down the last tree to grow food or catch the last fish because they are desperate to feed their families. Second, we must eliminate government corruption and corporate greed. Without good government and concern for the common good in business, it is impossible to solve our enormous social and environmental problems. Moreover, those who for their own benefit refuse to face the problem will go on unchallenged. Finally, collectively too, we must realistically face up to the tension between our lifestyle and the ever-growing population on this planet. Thoughtless consumers are part of the problem – but so are the rest of us, me included, who fancy ourselves as living simply.

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



With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 12/10/23)



- 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

DID YOU KNOW?

- The wedding banquet is a commonly used image for the kingdom of God in the Hebrew and the Christian Scriptures. The feast was a symbol of the abundance to be provided by God for those who have faith.
- A Jewish wedding celebration often lasted for as long as a week, which may explain why some were reluctant to attend. Like living in the kingdom, it was demanding!

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- What excuses do you make for not doing what you ought?
- Are there things which keep you from responding fully to the invitation?
- What are the things in your life that preoccupy you and make it difficult to respond to the invitation of God?



OCTOBER IS MISSION MONTH

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and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

DINING IN GOD'S HOUSE

(Matthew 22: 1 - 14)

This is a strange story: why should invited guests not come to a king's wedding feast? In our time, any celebrity who throws a party can expect everyone to come, the invited along with the uninvited. People want to see and be seen at notable occasions. Certainly, a royal wedding qualifies as a must-see event.

But in this story people do the remarkably inappropriate thing: they snub the king. And when the king practically begs them to come a second time, some of those invited do violence to the messengers. This is such an incredible response; we recognise that Jesus is referring to the response to himself and to prophets who came before him. No one would behave this way to a king, his son, and his servants, Jesus is saying. And yet you behave this way to God, God's son, and the prophets.

As listeners to this story, we have a choice. We can be like those invited who don't bother to go, or who retaliate with rage. We can come

without preparation. Or we can have something to say for ourselves if caught poorly clad at God's feast. "O God, have mercy on me, a sinner," is a good prayer to have on hand.

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KIDS' CORNER

God will supply whatever you need, in accord with God's glorious riches in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4: 19)

It seems like everyone on Josh's baseball team has two or three expensive bats and brand-new gloves. Except Josh. He has one bat that his mum found at a garage sale. His glove is a hand-me-down from his cousin. But today, Josh made a spectacular catch at third base with his old glove. And he hit two home runs with his garage sale bat. Some of the kids asked if they can try Josh's bat. After the game, Josh realises that he doesn't need fancy new equipment. He already has everything he needs.

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PRAYER FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

May the present crisis of violence across the Holy Land, between Palestinians and Israelis, come to a speedy end so that, with the help of other nations, dialogue can lead to peace and justice. Lord, hear us.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(16 October - 22 October)

- **Monday, 16:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 28 (Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32)
- **Tuesday, 17:** St Ignatius of Antioch (Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41)
- **Wednesday, 18:** St Luke (2 Tim 4:10-17; Lk 10:1-9)
- **Thursday, 19:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 28 (Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54)
- **Friday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 28 (Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7)
- **Saturday, 21:** Weekday, Ord Time 28 (Rom 4:143, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12)
- **Sunday 22:** 29th Sunday Ordinary Time (Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21)

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