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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

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said:
‘Speak to the whole community of the
sons of Israel and say to them:
“Be holy, for I, the Lord your God,
am holy.
“You must not bear hatred for your
brother in your heart. You must
openly tell him, your neighbour, of
his offence; this way you will not take
a sin upon yourself. You must not
exact vengeance, nor must you bear a
grudge against the children of your
people. You must love your neighbour
as yourself. I am the Lord.”’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Didn't you realise that you were
God's temple and that the Spirit of
God was living among you? If
anybody should destroy the temple of
God, God will destroy him, because
the temple of God is sacred; and you
are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one
of you thinks of himself as wise, in
the ordinary sense of the word, then
he must learn to be a fool before he
really can be wise. Why? Because the
wisdom of this world is foolishness to
God. As scripture says: *The Lord
knows wise men's thoughts: he knows*

*how useless they are; or again: God is
not convinced by the arguments of the
wise. So there is nothing to boast
about in anything human: Paul,
Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and
death, the present and the future, are
all your servants; but you belong to
Christ and Christ belongs to God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Jn 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You have
learnt how it was said: *Eye for eye
and tooth for tooth*. But I say this to
you: offer the wicked man no
resistance. On the contrary, if anyone
hits you on the right cheek, offer him
the other as well; if a man takes you to
law and would have your tunic, let
him have your cloak as well. And if
anyone orders you to go one mile, go
two miles with him. Give to anyone
who asks, and if anyone wants to
borrow, do not turn away.

‘You have learnt how it was said: You
must love your neighbour and hate
your enemy. But I say this to you:
love your enemies and pray for those
who persecute you; in this way you
will be sons of your Father in heaven,

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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, Alice 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
19/2	S Semmler	A Gibbs	A Clark
26/2	L Grant	P Clark	C Berden
5/3	K Hammat	M Slagter	C Berden
12/3	M Glynn	W Bennett	A Bevan
19/3	M Slagter	A Gibbs	A Bevan
27.3	K Hammat	A Clark	K Brinkley

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes

if something unforeseen crops up)

19/2 Fr Jacob Kuman
26/2 Fr Anthoni Adimai

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

LENT 2023

Ash Wednesday (22 February), the beginning of the Season of Lent, is a day of fast and abstinence that is meant to free us from all that binds, leading us to a conscious solidarity with the poor of the world, as we begin our Lenten journey.

PROJECT COMPASSION

is a practical means of enabling us to reach out in generosity to those in need, while demanding of us some personal sacrifice. Boxes or

envelopes are available in the Church foyer.

LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKS



Lenten Reflection books are available (free-of-charge) from the Church Foyer today. They are ideal for personal reflection or for group discussion.

DATES

- 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

TÜRKIYE AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE DISASTER

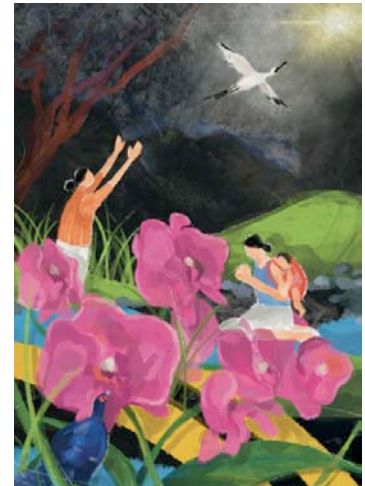
The 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Türkiye and Syria, leaving thousands of people dead, with this number expected to rise dramatically.

After 12 years of war, Syria is at breaking point and desperately needs assistance. Your support to help those affected by this catastrophe is

invaluable. Your generous donation means our partners in Turkey and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy. Visit: www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

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



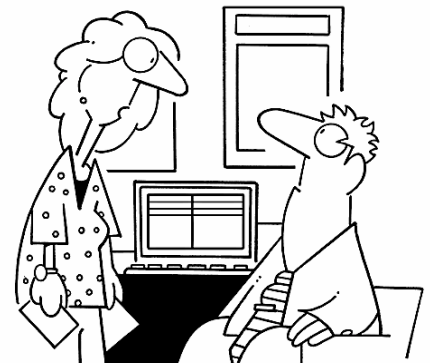
It is run under the motto: **"Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action,"** and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March.

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).

LADIES GUILD AGM

Monday, 27 February in the Parish House.



"The doctor will be in shortly to type on the computer and update your chart. If he has time, he will ask how you're feeling and take a look at your rash."



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 LESSON FROM THE MISFIT

More than a half century ago, Flannery O'Connor wrote a short story, *A Good Man is Hard to Find*. One of the main characters in the story is an elderly woman who is a difficult, stubborn, and not a particularly happy person. Traveling to Florida with her family, she is constantly whining and complaining. Then, thanks to some carelessness on her part, they get in a traffic accident and while their car is stalled, an escaped convict (*the Misfit*) chances on them and executes the whole family. Just before she is shot, the unhappy elderly woman, fearing for her life, reaches out and touches the Misfit and has a gentle moment with him. After killing her, he says, *she would have been a good woman, if there had been somebody there to shoot her every minute of her life.*

I suspect we would all be better persons if there were someone there to shoot us every minute of our lives. At least I know that I would because I once had someone there to shoot me and it made me a better person at least during the time when the threat was there. Here's my story.

Twelve years ago, I was diagnosed with cancer. The initial prognosis was good (surgery and chemotherapy and the cancer should be stopped). For a while it was. However, three years later it again made an unwelcome reappearance. This time the prognosis was not good. My oncologist, whom I trust, shared that situation was grave. Chemotherapy would be tried again; but he assured me, that barring the exceptional, this treatment would not be effective for long and would be more for palliative purposes than for any real hope of remission or cure. He felt it his duty to deliver that message clearly. I was facing the shooter. You have about thirty months to live!

As you can guess, this wasn't easy to accept and process. I struggled mightily to make peace with it. Eventually, through prayer, I wrote a creed for myself as to how I would try to live out those two years.

Here's the creed:

- *I am going to strive to be as healthy as I can for as long as I can.*
- *I am going to strive to be as productive for as long as I can.*
- *I am going to make every day and every activity as precious and enjoyable as possible.*
- *I am going to strive to be as gracious, warm, and charitable as possible.*
- *I am going to strive to accept others' love in a deeper way than I have up to now.*
- *I am going to strive to live a more-fully "reconciled life". No room for past hurts anymore.*
- *I am going to strive to keep my sense of humor intact.*
- *I am going to strive to be as courageous and brave as I can.*
- *I am going to strive, always, to never look on what I am losing, but rather to look at how wonderful and full my life has been and is.*
- *And, I am going to, daily, lay all of this at God's feet through prayer.*

For some months I prayed that creed intensely every day, trying to live out its every tenet. However, the chemotherapy treatments were, surprisingly, very effective. After five months of treatment, all the indications of cancer were gone, I was healthy again, and my oncologist was optimistic that, perhaps, his diagnosis had been too dire and that with some maintenance chemo, I might enjoy many more years of life. And, indeed I did for the next seven years.

However, during those seven years of remission, feeling healthy and optimistic, with no one there to shoot me every day, I now prayed my creed less frequently and with less intensity. And even though its challenges were now more

ingrained in me, my old habits of taking life for granted, of praying St. Augustine's prayer (*Make me a better Christian, Lord, but not yet!*), of losing perspective, of impatience, of self-pity, of nursing grievances, and of not appreciating fully the richness of life, began to seep back into my life.

The "shooter" reappeared two years ago with another reoccurrence of the cancer. Initially the prognosis was dire (thirty months and chemotherapy for the rest of my life) and the creed again took a central place in my life.

However, a new treatment unexpectedly offered a much longer future and, with no one there to shoot me every day, the creed again began to lose its power and my old habits of impatience, ingratitude, and self-pity began again to mark my days.

I am deeply grateful for all the post-cancer years that God and modern medicine have given me. Cancer has been a gift that has taught me a lot. Having my life parceled out in six months chunks has me appreciating life, others, health, nature, the simple joys of life, and my work like never before. *I'm a better person when there is someone there to shoot me every day!*

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



"The three blind mice all got jobs as sports referees and lived happily ever after."

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

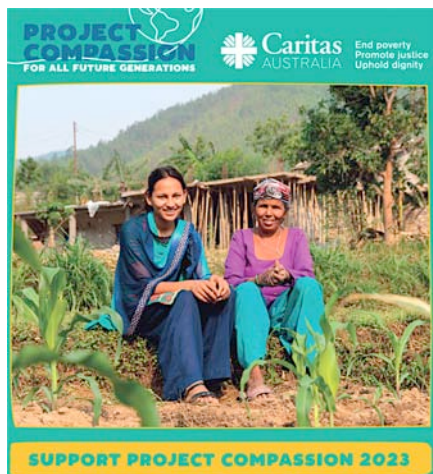
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- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is strongly recommended.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- 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?

- ‘An eye for an eye; a tooth for a tooth.’ This notion of justice and retribution from the Old Testament is often misunderstood. Rather than a dire punishment aimed at vengeance, it is in fact a way of limiting retribution. In effect, Old Testament law on this point says that you may not extract more punishment than was inflicted.
- In Jesus’ time, a Roman soldier had the right to command any man to carry his kit one mile but no further.
- Tax collectors were reviled by the Jews because they cooperated with the Romans and collected Roman taxes on their behalf. Because of their association with Gentiles, they were considered unclean.



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for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.’

DO NO HARM

One of the more famous embodiments of the message behind today’s gospel reading is Mahatma Gandhi’s non-violent resistance. Working from the words of Jesus, Gandhi once said, “An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind”. Not only did Gandhi pioneer the idea that mass social change could materialise through non-violent means, but would fast if violent actions occurred against the British by his own people.

Today’s gospel promotes these two ideas: non-violent resistance and loving our enemy. If these concepts seem counterintuitive, it is because they are. Biologically we are wired to react aggressively toward threats to protect against ourselves. Non-violent resistance and loving our enemies are conscious actions that challenge the way life is lived by most people.

Jesus and Gandhi were not only enlightened minds, but they were also strong leaders who manifested what they preached through their actions. As a practitioner of ahimsa, an Indian term meaning “to do no harm,” Gandhi swore to speak the truth and advocated that others do the same. Gandhi gave up any hint of materialism and lived his life in a self-sufficient community. Jesus, too, was famous for immersing himself in the lives of sinners, the poor, the suffering. It is not enough simply to preach. It is only through action that true change can come about.

PERFECTION 101 (Matthew 5: 38 - 48)

Full disclosure: I have never done this, offered myself to an enemy for a second round. The very idea of turning the other cheek is totally appalling. When Jesus says offer no resistance to one who is evil, I say: Lord, you’ve got to be kidding. Of

course, I’m going to resist evil. I’m going to run from the near occasion of the bad guys the moment I see them on the horizon. Jesus wants me to surrender my coat along with my shirt, and work twice as long for someone who’s already taking advantage of me. The capstone of the whole teaching is the most ludicrous: love your enemy. Is Jesus pulling our leg?

It’s obvious from reading the gospels that Jesus has a sense of humour. But he doesn’t simply clown around. Jesus says all of these preposterous things to bring us along to the bottom line on this way of thinking: Be perfect, as God is perfect. Because God does turn the other cheek, doesn’t resist us even when we’re evil, gives and gives, and loves us deeply. Maybe we won’t do these things. But thank heaven God will.

Ponder: Clean up a mess you didn’t make. Turn out a light somebody else left on. Ask a blessing on someone you don’t like. Put up with someone who won’t stop talking. Practice holiness. “When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer, for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves”.

GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(20 February - 26 March)

- **Monday, 20:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29)
- **Tuesday, 21:** Weekday, Ord Time 7 (Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37)
- **Wednesday, 22:** Ash Wednesday (Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18)
- **Thursday, 23:** Thursday, after Ash Wed (Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25)
- **Friday, 24:** Friday, after Ash Wed (Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15)
- **Saturday, 25:** Saturday, after Ash Wed (Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32)
- **Sunday 26:** FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11)

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