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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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Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

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

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in
her, from her he will derive no little
profit.

Advantage and not hurt she brings
him all the days of her life.

She is always busy with wool and
with flax, she does her work with
eager hands.

She sets her hands to the distaff, her
fingers grasp the spindle.

She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to
praise.

Give her a share in what her hands
have worked for, and let her works
tell her praises at the city gates.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 127:1-5

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write
anything to you, brothers, about
'times and seasons', since you know
very well that the Day of the Lord is
going to come like a thief in the night.
It is when people are saying, 'How
quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst

suddenly happens, as suddenly as
labour pains come on a pregnant
woman; and there will be no way for
anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark,
my brothers, for that Day to overtake
you like a thief. No, you are all sons
of light and sons of the day: we do not
belong to the night or to darkness, so
we should not go on sleeping, as
everyone else does, but stay wide
awake and sober.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15:4,5

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Live in me and let me live in you,
says the Lord; my branches bear
much fruit. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his
disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is
like a man on his way abroad who
summoned his servants and entrusted
his property to them.

To one he gave five talents, to another
two, to a third one; each in proportion
to his ability. Then he set out.

'The man who had received the five
talents promptly went and traded with
them and made five more. The man
who had received two made two more
in the same way. But the man who had

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Sue Semler, Brianna Chudlee, Peter Weatherstone, John Slagter

November anniversaries: Jim Airton, Francis E Bannan, Vic Banner, Clorice Bates, Toni Berden, Leon Bourke, Imogen Brinkley, Harold Burgess, Donald Chalmers, Tim Clark, Evelyn Drane, Roy Gatton, John and Dien Hendrix, Carmel Higgins, Agnes Hughes, Margaret Hughes, Peggy Imboden, Andrew Kelly, Thomas Lydon, John McDonald, Colleen Moore, Roger Pahl, Teresa Paniza, Sam Perkins, Roy Rayson, Helen Redden, Patricia Ross, Harold Semler, Marie Slagter, Pat Smith, Graham Turner, Gwen Willson

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
19/11	S Semler	P Bennett	C Berden
26/11	L Grant	P Clark	A Bevan
3/12	K Hammat	H Mumford	A Bevin
10/12	P Clark	W Bennett	A Bevin

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes

if something unforeseen crops up)

19/11	Fr Franco Lacanaria
26/11	Fr Jack Otto
3/12	Fr Chris Jenkins
10/12	Fr Pastor Mumburi CP
17/12	Fr Peter Hosking SJ
24 & 25/12	Fr Iain Radvan SJ
31/12	Fr Chris Horvat SJ

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

Thank you for your ongoing support of our priests and parish facilities.

KI CATHOLIC LADIES GUILD

The next Meeting on Monday 27 November at 12 noon, will be a Christmas Lunch at the Queenie. Please put your name on the list at the back table if you will be attending.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

for CentreCare young mothers and their babies at Louise Place



Louise Place is funded by the SA Housing Authority to provide supported accommodation options to pregnant and parenting women and children experiencing homelessness, or at risk of becoming homeless.

Your generous donations of items for suitable Christmas gifts for a young mother and her baby would be much appreciated. There is a list on the back table for you to choose from. Please do not wrap your gift because the organisers at Louise Place need to see what they are to ensure appropriate distribution. Use the labels provided to indicate who your gift is for.

If you need further information please have a chat with Helen.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS VOLUNTEERS

Carols will be sung at the Pavilion at 7.00pm on Friday 15 December, after the Christmas Parade.

If you would like to volunteer as a singer please phone Lynette Ley (0428 326 687) and if you are a musician please phone Kevin Glasson (0427 321 048).

CLIMATE CHANGERS

Wednesday, November 22
5.30pm SA time

Catholic Earthcare in collaboration with Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia are hosting the last online screening of the year, Climate Changers - a film about what

leadership looks like in this changing climate. (Please note that the film contains some course language.)

Registration is essential via this link <https://caritas.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArdequrz8oGdE9rxDri4wdVjeVvp-ZJs4J> View trailer here: <https://climatechangersmovie.com/watch-trailer/>

Guest speaker Luch (a sustainability teacher in Tasmania) will also speak about his work and leadership in this space. If you haven't had the chance yet to join our facebook group - you can do so at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/348640604155828/>

WALK FOR LIFE 2024

Saturday 10 February

<https://youtu.be/brBuAM12qNU>

Each year as we gather united in our resolve to stand for life our efforts are making a difference.

Our society is now questioning, members of parliament are being encouraged and many of those who have been hurt by abortion are coming forward seeking help to heal.

Your effort to join us and invite others is vital for this good work to continue. The 2024 theme is *Every Life Is A Gift*

- *Now that I've retired, I've taken up meditation, it sure beats sitting around doing nothing.*
- *When the branding iron was first invented, cattle were very impressed.*
- *I saw a documentary on how ships are kept together. Riveting!*
- *Why is no one ever the right amount of whelmed?*





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

HELPLESSNESS AS FRUITFUL

Sometimes we are the most helpful and life-giving at the very times when we are most helpless. We've all been there. We're at a funeral and there's nothing to say that will ease the heartache of someone who has lost a loved one. We feel awkward and helpless. We'd like to say or do something, but there's nothing to be said or done, other than to be there, embrace the one nursing the grief, and share our helplessness. Passing strange, but it is our very helplessness that's most helpful and generative in that situation. Our passivity is more fruitful and generative than if we were doing something.

We see an example of this in Jesus. He gave both his life and his death for us – but in separate moments. He gave his life for us through his activity and his death for us through his passivity, that is, through what he absorbed in helplessness. Indeed, we can divide each of the Gospels into two clear parts. Up until his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus is the active one: he teaches, he heals, he performs miracles, he feeds people. Then, after he is arrested, he doesn't do anything: he is handcuffed, led away, put on trial, scourged, and crucified. Yet, and this is the mystery, we believe that he gave us more during that time when he couldn't do anything than during all those times he was active. We are saved more through his passivity and helplessness than through his powerful actions during his ministry. How does this work? How can helplessness and passivity be so generative?

Partly this is mystery, though partly we grasp some of it through experience. For example, a loving mother dying in hospice, in a coma, unable to speak, can sometimes in that condition change the hearts of her children more powerfully than she ever could during all the years

when she did so much for them. What's the logic here? By what metaphysics does this work?

Let me begin abstractly and circle this question before venturing to an answer. The atheistic thinkers of the Enlightenment (Nietzsche, Feuerbach, Marx, and others) offer a very powerful critique of religion and of religious experience. In their view, all religious experience is simply subjective projection, nothing more. For them, in our faith and religious practices, we are forever creating a god in our own image and likeness, to serve our self-interest. (The very antithesis of what Christians believe.) For Nietzsche, for instance, there is no divine revelation coming from outside us, no God in heaven revealing divine truth to us. Everything is us, projecting our needs and creating a god to serve those needs. All religion is self-serving, human projection.

How true is this? One of the most influential professors I've studied under, Jesuit Michael Buckley, says this in face of that criticism: *These thinkers are 90% correct. But they're 10% wrong – and that 10% makes all the difference.*

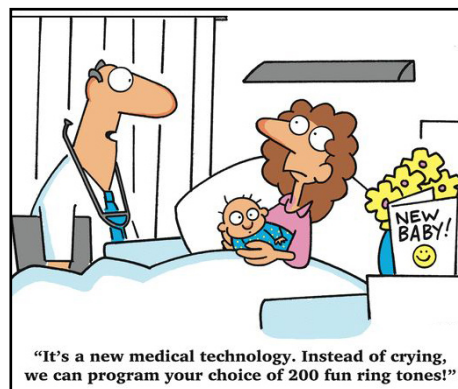
Buckley made this comment while teaching what John of the Cross calls a *dark night of the soul*. What is a *dark night of the soul*? It's an experience where we can no longer sense God imaginatively or feel God affectively, when the very sense of God's existence dries up inside us and we are left in an agnostic darkness, helpless (in head, heart, and gut) to conjure up any sense of God.

However, and this is the point, precisely because we are helpless and unable to conjure up any imaginative concepts or affective feelings about God, God can now flow into us purely, without us being able to color or contaminate that experience. When all our efforts are useless, grace can finally take over

and flow into us in purity. Indeed, that's how all authentic revelation enters our world. When human helplessness renders us incapable of making God serve our self-interest, God can then flow into our lives without contamination.

Now, this is also true for human love. So much of our love for each other, no matter our sincerity, is colored by self-interest and is at some point self-serving. In some fashion, we inevitably form those we love into our own image and likeness. However, as is the case with Buckley's critique of the atheistic thinkers of the Enlightenment, *this isn't always the case*. There are certain situations when we can't in any way taint love and make it self-serving. What are those situations? Precisely those in which find we ourselves completely helpless, mute, stammering, unable to say or do anything that's helpful. In these particular "*dark nights of the soul*", when we are completely helpless to shape the experience, love and grace can flow in purely and powerfully. In his classic work *The Divine Milieu*, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin challenges us to help others both through our activity and through our passivity. He's right. We can be generative through what we actively do for others, and we can be particularly generative when we stand passively with them in helplessness.

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



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 16/11/23)



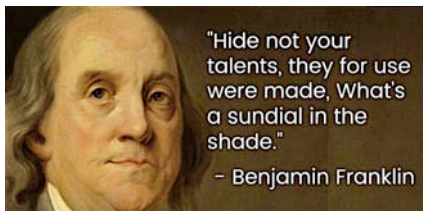
- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at Church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.

NOT ALWAYS NICE

Jesus continued, *“It is like a man going off on an extended trip. He called his servants together and delegated responsibilities. To one he gave five thousand dollars, to another two thousand, to a third one thousand, depending on their abilities. Then he left. Right off, the first servant went to work and doubled his master’s investment. The second did the same. But the man with the single thousand dug a hole and carefully buried his master’s money.”* (Matthew 25: 14 - 18)

Working in my dad’s grocery store as a teen, I was taught that the customer is always right and to smile at them no matter what. One day as I was at the cash register, a stranger asked me for change for a \$20 note and then a ten and then a five. I was responding with my dazzling smile when my sister slammed the register drawer shut. Then she told the customer to get out of the store right away. I was dumbfounded. My sister explained that it was a scam and that the register at the end of the day would be at least \$20 short. She was right. The next time someone tried it on me, my smile vanished as I told them to leave before my sister and I called the police.

There are times to be nice and times to be not so nice. The parable of the talents reminds us how “nice” God has been to bless us with so much. But with those gifts comes an important responsibility: to use them and share them in a way that they are not squandered.



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received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

‘Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. “Sir,” he said “you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.”

‘His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.”

‘Next the man with the two talents came forward. “Sir,” he said “you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.”

‘Last came forward the man who had the one talent. “Sir,” said he “I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.” But his master answered him, “You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.”

FAITHFUL IN SMALL MATTERS (Matthew 25: 14 - 30)

I was talking to a group of small children about the gifts God had given them. One girl seemed unconvinced. Her older sister, she told me with

dewy-eyed admiration, had all the talent in the family: intelligence, athletic ability, and creativity. She herself, however, had none.

On the contrary, I assured her, she had many gifts of her own. She had a generous love for her sister, a pleasant personality, a warm smile, and a way of making people happy to talk with her. These were talents from God, too, and I urged her to name other things she was good at that were less obvious than these.

Some weeks later I was at home, having a bad spell of writer’s block, and began to feel frustrated with the blank computer screen. Going to the mailbox to retrieve my letters, I noticed one printed in pencil. It was from the little girl I had spoken with, and inside the envelope was a crayon drawing with these simple words pencilled alongside: *You have talents. God created you to use your talents. NAME THEM.* In a moment, my sense of failure was gone, replaced by a child’s wonderful courage. She gave the story of the talents back to me multiplied, and I got back to work exhilarated.

What talents have you been given by God, and how have you invested them?
GPBS eNews

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

(20 - 26 November)

- **Monday, 20:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (1 Macc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64; Lk 18:35-43)
- **Tuesday, 21:** The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary (2 Macc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10)
- **Wednesday, 22:** St Cecilia (2 Macc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28)
- **Thursday, 23:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (1 Macc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44)
- **Friday, 24:** Sts Andrew Dŭng-Lac and companions (1 Macc 4:36-37, 52-29; Lk 19:45-48)
- **Saturday, 25:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 33 (1 Macc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40)
- **Sunday 26:** Christ the King (Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46)

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