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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

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those

who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.'

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

January anniversaries: Eunice Airton, Eileen Bateman, Dorothy Brook, Monica Buick, May Cairney, Dominic Cash, Maureen Dunn, Marlene Cummins, Pauline Deegan, Jim Dodgson, Lucy Edwards, Colin Fahey, Margaret Flemming, Ralph Florance, Catherine Glynn, Alec Goodwin, Edward Hughes, Ida Jackson, Christina James, Jack Kindellan, John Lavers, Ettie McDonald, Irene Northcott, Ottaviano Orsi, Marj Phillips, Una Reynolds, George Rowen. Ann Smith, Sheila Tabor, Lorraine Laher Storfer, Mary Weatherstone

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
21/1	K Hammat	P Bennett	C Brinkley
28/1	A Clark	H Mumford	A Clark

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

21/1	Fr My Tran
28/1	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

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

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY - "OUR CHURCH"
9 March, Cardijn College - 9.30am until 4.30pm
Register at: www.trybooking.com/CNDKK



Please share your love to help communities vulnerable to natural disasters around the world to be ready, respond and recover. When the Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai volcano erupted last year people fled the tsunami, seeking refuge in a chapel on the top of a hill. The Tongan community urgently needs an evacuation centre and a warehouse to store essential supplies including water, blankets, hygiene kits, family tents and more. This can be made possible with your support. Please give generously to the Caritas Australia Christmas Appeal to support communities in Tonga and other countries around the world that are vulnerable to natural disasters. Together we can help our global family to be ready, to respond and to recover when the next disaster strikes. Donate at caritas.org.au/christmas

INTERRUPTIONS CAN BE OUR REAL WORK

Benedictine monk David Steindl-Rast once commented that we tend to be resentful when things interrupt our work until we realize that often, interruptions are our real work.

Most of us tend to be impatient and resentful when our plans are interrupted by demands which deflect our energies from what we would ideally like to be doing.

Countless things, big and small, constantly derail our agendas, force us to alter our plans, and slowly kill our dreams. In his biography of C.S. Lewis, author A.N. Wilson, describes how Lewis' life as a teacher and writer was, during virtually all of his productive years, interrupted by the demands of his adopted mother who made him do all the shopping and housework and demanded hours of his time daily for domestic tasks. Lewis' own brother, Warnie, who also lived in the household (and who generally refused to let his own agenda be so interrupted) laments this fact in his diaries and suggests that Lewis could have been much more prolific had he not had to spend literally thousands of

hours shopping, walking the dog, and doing domestic chores.

Far from being resentful about these interruptions, Lewis was grateful for them and suggests that it was precisely these domestic demands that kept him in touch with life in a way that other Oxford Dons (who never had to shop and do housework) were not. Historians like Wilson suggest that these interruptions kept Lewis' feet squarely on the ground and gave Lewis insights which appeal so universally.

The very word baptism means derailment. Christ baptizes Peter on the rock when he tells him: "Because you said you love me, your life is now no longer your own. Before you said this, you fastened your belt, and you walked wherever you liked. Now, others will put a belt around you and take you where you would rather not go."

To submit to love is to be baptized... and to let one's life be forever interrupted. To not let one's life be interrupted is to say no to love.

I suspect we will spend a good part of eternity thanking God for those interruptions that derailed our plans, but which baptized us into life and love in a way we could never have ourselves planned or accomplished.

Ronald Rolheiser

DATES

29 Jan	First day, School term 1
14 Feb	Ash Wednesday
18 Feb	1 st Sunday of Lent
18 Mar	St Patrick's Day
24 Mar	Palm Sunday of the Passion
28 Mar	Thursday of Lord's supper
29 Mar	Friday of Passion of the Lord
30 Mar	Holy Saturday



"Chicken Little needs to tell the world that the sky is falling, but first he must decide the best time to break the story for maximum use of a 24-hour news cycle and how to best respond to negative media spin."



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

THE LAW OF GRAVITY AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

A sound theology and a sound science will both recognize that the law of gravity and the Holy Spirit are one in the same principle. There isn't a different spirit undergirding the physical than the spiritual.

There's one spirit that's speaking through both the law of gravity and the Sermon on the Mount.

If we recognized that same Spirit is present in everything, in physical creation, in love, in beauty, in human creativity, and in human morality, we could hold more things together in a fruitful tension rather than putting them in opposition and having the different gifts of the God's Spirit fight each other. What does this mean?

We have too many unhealthy dichotomies in our lives. Too often we find ourselves choosing between things that should not be in opposition to each other and are in the unhappy position of having to pick between two things which are both, in themselves, good. We live in a world in which, too often, the spiritual is set against the physical, morality is set against creativity, wisdom is set against education, commitment is set against sex, conscience is set against pleasure, and personal fidelity is set against creative and professional success.

Obviously there's something wrong here. If one force, God's Spirit, is the single source that animates all these things then clearly we should not be in a position of having to choose between them. Ideally we should be choosing both because the one, same Spirit undergirds both.

Is this true? Is the Holy Spirit both the source of gravity and the source of love? Yes. At least if the Scriptures are to be believed. They tell us that the Holy Spirit is both a

physical and a spiritual force, the source of all physicality and of all spirituality all at the same time.

We first meet the person of the Holy Spirit in the opening line of the Bible: In the beginning there was a formless void and the Spirit of God hovered over the chaos. In the early chapters of the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit is presented as a physical force, a wind that comes from the very mouth of God and not only shapes and orders physical creation but is also the energy that lies at the base of everything, animate and inanimate alike: Take away your breath, and everything returns to dust.

The ancients believed there was a soul in everything and that soul, God's breath, held everything together and gave it meaning. They believed this even though they did not understand, as we do today, the workings of the infra-atomic world: how the tiniest particles and energy waves already possess erotic electrical charges, how hydrogen seeks out oxygen, and how at the most elemental level of physical reality energies are already attracting and repelling each other just as people do. They could not explain these things scientifically as we can, but they recognized, just as we do, that there is already some form of "love" inside all things, however inanimate. They attributed all of this to God's breath, a wind that comes from God's mouth and ultimately animates rocks, water, animals, and human beings.

They understood that the same breath that animates and orders physical creation is also the source of all wisdom, harmony, peace, creativity, morality, and fidelity. God's breath was understood to be as moral as it is physical, as unifying as it is creative, and as wise as it is daring. For them, the breath of God was one force and it did not

contradict itself. The physical and the spiritual world were not set against each other. One Spirit was understood to be the source of both.

We need to understand things in the same way. We need to let the Holy Spirit, in all its fullness, animate our lives. What this means concretely is that we must not let ourselves be energized and driven too much by one part of the Spirit to the detriment of other parts of that same Spirit.

Thus, there shouldn't be creativity in the absence of morality, education in the absence of wisdom, sex in the absence of commitment, pleasure in the absence of conscience, and artistic or professional achievement in the absence of personal fidelity. Not least, there shouldn't be a good life for some in the absence of justice for everyone. Conversely, however, we need to be suspicious of ourselves when we are moral but not creative, when our wisdom fears critical education, when our spirituality has a problem with pleasure, and when our personal fidelity is over-defensive in the face of art and achievement. One Spirit is the author of all of these. Hence, we must be equally sensitive to each of them. Someone once quipped that a heresy is something that is nine-tenths true. That's our problem with the Holy Spirit. We're forever into partial truth when we don't allow for a connection between the law of gravity and the Sermon on the Mount.

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



"My doctor told me to start my exercise programme gradually. Today I drove past a store that sells track pants."

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 18/01/2024)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are also requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at Church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.

DID YOU KNOW?

- John the Baptist was arrested and ultimately killed by Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, who ruled over the region of Galilee. John had been highly critical of the behaviour of Antipas in marrying Herodias who was his niece and the former wife of his brother.
- The Sea of Galilee is also known as Lake Tiberias and Lake of Gennesaret. It is the largest freshwater lake in Israel, and is approximately 53 km in circumference, 21 km long and 13 km wide.
- Simon and Andrew, James and John lived in the town of Capernaum on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee. Look at a map of Palestine. Most Bibles include one.

EXPLORING THE WORD

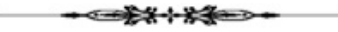
This week we return to the Gospel of Mark which will be the main source of readings through the weeks of Ordinary Time this year.

Mark's Gospel was the first of the accounts of Jesus' ministry to be written down. It is widely accepted that it was written about 65–70AD for a community in Rome where Christians were undergoing persecution because of their faith. Because of this setting, Mark often recalls stories which give great hope to people and encourage them to stay firm in their faith in the face of opposition. In this gospel, the disciples do not make excuses or delay. They simply leave everything to follow Jesus. They are immediately drawn to the words and person of Jesus; nothing else is as important as the Kingdom of God

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And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.



ABANDONING OUR NETS CAN HELP US LAND A BETTER GIG'

Readers almost always gravitate to the same question. Why do Simon and Andrew, then James and John after them, abandon everything to follow Jesus? Mark leaves no doubt as to the immediacy of their response. Seeing Simon and Andrew casting for fish, Jesus says, 'Follow after me, and I will make you to be fishers for people.'

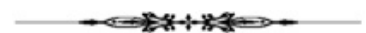
Ancient philosophies often built their ranks from those persons who found ordinary life unsatisfying. According to Diogenes Laertius, Socrates encountered a young man named Xenophon in a narrow passageway. Blocking the path with his stick, the philosopher asked where he might find various kinds of food. Then Socrates asked, "And where do people become good and honourable?" With Xenophon looking perplexed, Socrates called him: "Then follow me, and learn' (Lives 2.48).

And some people abandon their nets because they hear good news worthy of our lives. If things were just fine in the world, perhaps they'd stay with their nets. But sensing God's kingdom drawing near, they reshape their lives in response to God's call. They drop everything and go another way. Far too few churches ask this question, this vocational question, of their members: to what life is God calling you? And far too many of us domesticate the question, as if Simon and his colleagues were just volunteering for a single night at the

winter shelter. The realities of our world press us with questions greater than how we'll spend a given night. Meanwhile, the kingdom of God lies right at hand. And what about those nets?"
Greg Carey

SHARING THE TRADITION

The first disciples to be called by Jesus offer us a model of how we are expected to be followers of Christ. A disciple is one who takes another as teacher and model. As disciples, we must not only believe in the teachings of Jesus but allow them to influence how we live our lives. We are called to 'profess our faith, bear witness to it and spread it'



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(22 - 28 January)

- **Monday, 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 3 (2 Sam 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30)
- **Tuesday, 23:** Weekday, Ord Time 3 (2 Sam 6:12-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35)
- **Wednesday, 24:** St Francis de Sales (2 Sam 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20)
- **Thursday, 25:** The Conversion of St Paul (Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18)
- **Friday, 26:** Australia Day (Is 32:15-18; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Mt 5:2-12)
- **Saturday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 3 (2 Sam 12:1-7, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41)
- **Sunday 28:** FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28)



PASTORAL CARE

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