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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

WHAT BELONGS TO CAESAR?



WHAT BELONGS TO GOD?

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed,
to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his
right hand to subdue nations before
him and strip the loins of kings, to
force gateways before him that their
gates be closed no more:

‘It is for the sake of my servant
Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that
I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not
know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm
you that men may know from the
rising to the setting of the sun that,
apart from me, all is nothing.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95:1, 3-5, 7-10

Give the Lord glory and honour.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to
the Church in Thessalonika which is
in God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ; wishing you grace and peace
from God the Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our
prayers and thank God for you all,

and constantly remember before God
our Father how you have shown
your faith in action, worked for love
and persevered through hope, in our
Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves
you and that you have been chosen,
because when we brought the Good
News to you, it came to you not only
as words, but as power and as the
Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work
out between them how to trap Jesus
in what he said. And they sent their
disciples to him, together with the
Herodians, to say, ‘Master, we know
that you are an honest man and teach
the way of God in an honest way,
and that you are not afraid of
anyone, because a man’s rank means
nothing to you.

Tell us your opinion, then. Is it
permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or
not?’

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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
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)
22/10 Fr Jack Otto

ALL SOULS' WEEKEND

Fr Anthony will be on the island for the first weekend in November. He will be celebrating Mass in the Cemetery on Saturday evening (4 November) around 6.00pm. Mass will be followed by a BBQ at the house. Everyone is invited to attend.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection today for the Catholic Mission Appeal. Please give generously to help this life-giving programme.

**Hearts on Fire
FEET ON THE MOVE**

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CATHOLIC CHURCH SAYS REFERENDUM RESULT SHOULD USHER IN NEW ERA

October 15, 2023

Despite the referendum to establish an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice in the Constitution not succeeding, Australia needs to find a way to address the inequalities many First Nations people face, Bishop Charles Gauci has said.

Bishop Gauci, chair of the Bishops Commission for Relations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, has issued a statement following yesterday's poll. He said although the idea of the Indigenous Voice to Parliament was not supported by a majority of Australians, "that doesn't mean we shouldn't do something".

The Bishop of Darwin said: "As I travel through the Northern Territory and beyond, I meet people from all walks of life who recognise that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples - the traditional custodians of our lands and waters for tens of thousands of years - struggle with poor outcomes in health, education, employment and a range of other areas.

"Australians know those poor outcomes are not good enough in the nation of the alleged 'Fair go'."

Bishop Gauci said while the debate leading up to the referendum was "intense and, at times, challenging" there was an "overwhelming consensus [...] that more should be done to address the injustice experienced by so many First Nations people".

He said that the Church, while not always living up to its own ideals, has been a driver of positive change for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through its parishes, schools,

social services, and health and aged care services.

"At this moment in our history, it is time for the Church and its ministries to redouble our efforts to close the gap - not as a slogan, but as a commitment," Bishop Gauci said.

"That can only be done by, in the words of our recent Social Justice Statement, listening to, learning from and loving our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters."

As the country processes the referendum outcome, Bishop Gauci said, "may we recognise and take up the challenge to create opportunities but also seek outcomes that will see inequalities in our country narrowed, a path to reconciliation pursued and a more prosperous nation emerge". [Click here](#) to read Bishop Gauci's statement

DAY OF FASTING, Penance AND PRAYER



Warning against a humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and ongoing conflicts elsewhere, Pope Francis has called for a day of fasting, penance and prayer for peace in the world on Friday, October 27.

The Pope invited men and women of every Christian denomination and other religions as well as those committed to the cause of peace to participate in any way they feel is appropriate.

Excerpt from "CathNews"





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 SUBTLER KIND OF POVERTY

There are different ways of being excluded in life.

Earlier this year, one of my older brothers died. By every indication he had lived an exemplary life, one lived mainly for others. He died much loved by everyone who knew him. His was a life lived for family, church, community, and friends.

Giving the homily at his funeral, I shared that, while he almost always brought a smile, a graciousness, and some wit to every situation, underneath he sometimes had to swallow hard to always do that. Why?

Because, even though through his entire adult life he gave himself to serving others, for much of his life he didn't have much choice in the matter. Here's his story.

He was one of the older children in our family, a large second-generation immigrant family, struggling with poverty in an isolated rural area of the Canadian prairies where educational facilities weren't easily available at that time. So, for him, as for many of his contemporaries, both men and women, the normal expectation was that after elementary school (an eighth-grade education) you were expected to end your school days and begin to work to support your family. Indeed, when he graduated from elementary school, there was no local high school for him to go to. Making this more unfortunate, he was perhaps the brightest, most gifted mind in our family. It's not that he didn't want to continue his formal education. But, he had to do what most others of his age did at that time, leave school and begin working, giving your entire salary over every month to support your family. He did this with good cheer, knowing this was expected of him. Through the years, from age sixteen when he first entered the work force until he took over the family farm in

his mid-thirties, he worked for farmers, worked in construction, and did everything from operating a backhoe to driving a truck. Moreover, when our parents died and he took over our farm, there were a number of years when he was still pressured to use the farm to support the family. By the time he was finally freed of this responsibility, it was too late (not radically, but existentially) for him to restart his formal education. He lived out his final years before retirement as a farmer, though as one who found his energy elsewhere, in involvement in ongoing education and lay ministries programs where he thrived emotionally and intellectually. Part of his sacrifice too was that he never married, not because he was a temperamental bachelor, but because the same things that bound him to duty also, existentially, never afforded him the opportunity to marry.

After I shared his story at his funeral, I was approached by several people who said: *That's also my brother! That's also my sister! That was my dad! That was my mother.*

Having grown up where this was true of a number of my older siblings, today, whenever I see people working in service jobs such as cooking in cafeterias, cleaning houses, mowing lawns, working in construction, doing janitorial work, and other work of this kind, I am often left to wonder, are they like my brother? Did they get to choose this work or are they doing it because of circumstances? Did this person want to be a doctor, or writer, a teacher, an entrepreneur, or a CEO of some company, and end up having to take this job because of an economic or other circumstance? Don't get me wrong. There's nothing demeaning or less-than-noble in these jobs. Indeed, working with your hands is perhaps the most honest work of all – unlike my own work within the academic community where it can be

easy to be self-serving and mostly irrelevant. There's a wonderful dignity in working with your hands, as there was for my brother. However, the importance and dignity of that work notwithstanding, the happiness of the person doing it is sometimes predicated on whether or not he or she had a choice, that is, whether or not he or she is there by choice or because factors ranging from the economic situation of their family, to their immigrant status, to lack of opportunity, have forced them there.

As I walk past these folks in my day-to-day life and work, I try to notice them and appreciate the service they are rendering for the rest of us. And sometimes I say to myself: *This could be my brother. This could be my sister. This could be the brightest mind of all who was not given the opportunity to become a doctor, a writer, nurse, a teacher, or a social worker.* If in the next life, as Jesus promised, there's to be a reversal where the last shall be first, I hope these people, like my brother, who were deprived of some of the opportunities that the rest of us enjoyed, will read my heart with an empathy that surpasses my understanding of them during their lifetime.



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 19/10/23)



- 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 Herodians are mentioned only three times in the New Testament as a group within Jewish society (Mk 3:6; Mk 12:13; Mt 22:16). In all three texts they are aligned with the Pharisees in trying to entrap Jesus. They may have been supporters of the rule and policies of Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, ruler of Galilee during Jesus' lifetime.
- The first 'Caesar' was Gaius Julius Caesar, a Roman general, who emerged from the civil wars as the sole ruler of the Empire in 45 BC. After his murder the following year, his grand-nephew Octavian (Augustus) took over as ruler and adopted the name Caesar. From then onwards all rulers of the Empire were known as 'Caesar'. The Caesar during Jesus' public ministry was Tiberias.



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OCTOBER IS MISSION MONTH

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But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

TAX TIME

(Matthew 22: 15 - 21)

What is a tax? In the best of circumstances, it's a private payment for the public good. It's how individuals contribute to the interests of the community of which they're a part. In the time of the Roman empire, taxation among the occupied provinces was a troubling matter. It could be argued that what went into the pocket of Rome went out of the province for good.

Those who questioned Jesus about taxes, of course, weren't asking for a moral decision. They wanted him to betray himself by being politically incorrect in front of the people. And Jesus, of course, was above politics, framing his answer in larger terms than the Pharisees cared to consider. Those who were obliged to Caesar should certainly make payment in the coin of the realm. But those who are obliged to God - and who isn't - owe a debt to be paid in the province of the human spirit. It is this larger obligation that should capture our concern.

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THE ONLY LEGACY THAT MATTERS

The Pharisees plotted a way to trap him into saying something damaging. They sent their disciples, with a few of Herod's followers mixed in, to ask, "Teacher, we know you have integrity, teach the way of God accurately, are indifferent to popular opinion, and don't pander to your students. So, tell us honestly: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" (Matthew 22: 15 - 17)

Not long ago I attended a funeral for a man who had served as a journalist for the diocesan paper for over 25 years. Kevin was all the one would hope and

trust a journalist might be: inquisitive, persevering, intelligent and articulate. Usually dishevelled, wearing a corduroy jacket with a camera slung over his shoulder, Kevin never seemed to care about clothes and appearance, money or status. Pursuing a good story and a commitment to justice – those were Kevin's passions. And above all else, Kevin was honest. The people who gathered for Kevin's funeral that morning heard these words at the start from the homilist: "Kevin was a good man, an honest man who spoke the truth". It was a starkly simple statement followed by these words: "And what is more important than to be a good and honest person?"

It was one of those moments when I found myself thinking: Really, what could matter more at my death than for someone to be able to say I was a good and truthful person? Awards and accolades, accomplishments and financial success are fleeting and pale in comparison to goodness and honesty. The Pharisees didn't seem to understand this truth in their arguments with Jesus, the good and honest teacher. Kevin's funeral reminded me how important it is to be a person who is good and honest.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(23 - 29 October)

- **Monday, 23:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 29 (Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21)
- **Tuesday, 24:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 29 (Rom 5:12, 15, 17-21; Lk 12:35-38)
- **Wednesday, 25:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 29 (Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48)
- **Thursday, 26:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 29 (Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53)
- **Friday, 27:** Weekday, Ord Time 29 (Rom 7:18-25; Lk 12:54-59)
- **Saturday, 28:** Sts Simon and Jude (Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-19)
- **Sunday 29:** 30th Sunday Ordinary Time (Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40)

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