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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

Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons
of Israel this:

“You must not molest the stranger or
oppress him, for you lived as
strangers in the land of Egypt. You
must not be harsh with the widow, or
with the orphan; if you are harsh with
them, they will surely cry out to me,
and be sure I shall hear their cry; my
anger will flare and I shall kill you
with the sword, your own wives will
be widows, your own children
orphans.

“If you lend money to any of my
people, to any poor man among you,
you must not play the usurer with
him: you must not demand interest
from him.

“If you take another’s cloak as a
pledge, you must give it back to him
before sunset. It is all the covering he
has; it is the cloak he wraps his body
in; what else would he sleep in? If he
cries to me, I will listen, for I am full
of pity.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived
when we were with you, which was
for your instruction, and you were led

to become imitators of us, and of the
Lord; and it was with the joy of the
Holy Spirit that you took to the
gospel, in spite of the great opposition
all round you. This has made you the
great example to all believers in
Macedonia and Achaia since it was
from you that the word of the Lord
started to spread – and not only
throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for
the news of your faith in God has
spread everywhere. We do not need to
tell other people about it: other people
tell us how we started the work among
you, how you broke with idolatry
when you were converted to God and
became servants of the real, living
God; and how you are now waiting
for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised
from the dead, to come from heaven
to save us from the retribution which
is coming.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we
will come to them. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus
had silenced the Sadducees they got
together and, to disconcert him, one of
them put a question, ‘Master, which is
the greatest commandment of the
Law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the
Lord your God with all your heart,

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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
29/10	A Clark	L Grant	C Berden

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes

if something unforeseen crops up)

22/10 Fr Jack Otto

PARISH CENSUS

There are still some Parish Census forms to be returned. If you have not received the Census form, please collect one from the back of the Church. When completed, place it in the envelope and put it in the box provided.

Cathy Howson

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

ALL SOULS' WEEKEND

Fr Anthony will be on the island for the next weekend. 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.



Thank you for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs, like supporting Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters and their work through the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste.

Your gift is helping the Sr Carolina continue to provide life-saving treatment and access to resources on health and well-being. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/timor. Your action will make a real, lasting impact.

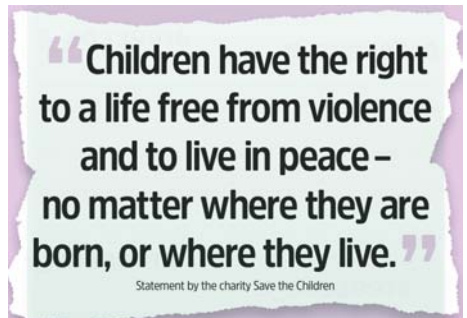
BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The month of November is the time when we pray for the dead. Names of deceased people to be prayed for during November, can be entered in the Book of Remembrance, available in each of our three communities. These people will be remembered especially during our Parish Masses during November.

THE ROLE OF CLERICS AND LAITY IN PARISH LIFE

On Saturday November 4, Ministry Formation Program will be hosting a presentation by Ms Sue Rivett JCL on 'The Role of Clerics and Laity in Parish Life'. This will be held at the Catholic Education Office, Conference Rooms 7 & 8 – 116 George Street, Thebarton, from 9.30am until 3pm. Ministry Formation Program welcomes anybody to attend.

Online access via Teams will be available for remote/regional participants – please advise if required. Bookings are essential. Morning tea and lunch provided – please advise of any dietary requirements. Please RSVP to: mfpadmin@adelaide.catholic.org.au by Friday October 27.



AN URGENT PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of compassion, we turn to you with heavy hearts as we consider the needs of your family.

Israelis and Palestinians, we are all your people, each of us loved by you and called to live in peace and justice.

We lament the dreadful loss of life, destruction of property and loss of human dignity. We are pained by so much suffering. We beg you to bring healing to this ancient place.

Help your people find a way forward. Enable everyone to look each other in the eye and embrace each other as sisters and brothers, as they find your image in every face.

We ask that courage and grace will help create a wiser and more gentle future, where everyone has a home.

God of wisdom, come to our aid. Amen
Michael McGirr (Caritas Australia)





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

BAD THOUGHTS

Someone once quipped that we spend the first half of our lives struggling with the sixth commandment – *Thou shalt not commit adultery* – and the second half of our lives struggling with the fifth commandment – *Thou shalt not kill!* There's a truth here worth examining.

In the Catholicism I was raised, there was a heavy emphasis on the sixth commandment. Sex and issues related to sex were singled out as being particularly salient in terms of sinful behavior. All sex outside of marriage was seen as sinful, but so too was sexual fantasizing. If you entertained any sexual fantasies you were required to confess them to a priest in confession. In the vocabulary of the time, this was termed as "having had bad thoughts". Given human nature and human hormones, assuredly most everyone had "bad thoughts".

As I grow older, I have come to believe that sexual fantasies (which in fact can have a moral element to them) are not the real danger in terms of bad thoughts. As we age, the bad thoughts we most need to confess have more to do with another commandment, *thou shalt not kill*. The bad thoughts that most separate us from love, community, and the banquet table have to do with who we are angry at, who we don't want to be in a room with, who we don't want to be at table with, who we want revenge on, who we can't forgive, and people whose energies we cannot bless.

Henri Nouwen once suggested that long before someone is shot by a gun, one is shot by a word, and before one is shot by a word, one is shot by a thought – *She is so full of herself! I hate her! I can't be in a room with her!* We kill each other in our thoughts, in our judgments, in our hatreds, in our jealousies, and in our avoidance of each other. These

are the bad thoughts which we most need to confess.

Moreover, that is only the crasser way we violate the commandment that demands we not kill each other. We have "bad thoughts" in much subtler ways. We also kill each other whenever we indulge in fantasies of grandiosity, fantasies within which we are the superstar, the one set apart, the one above, the one superior to others, and the one who sees others as lesser than oneself. Like sexual fantasies, these fantasies also come upon us with a power that makes them very difficult to resist. Like sexual fantasies they beset us instinctually with a warmth that is self-gratifying.

But why are they wrong? What's wrong with indulging in fantasies within which we are the special one, the hero, the one above others? In short, they are not morally wrong in themselves. It's not a sin to think of yourself as special – particularly since you are! God makes everyone unique and special, and it's not wrong to recognize that inside oneself. Moreover, for a good part of our lives, this can even be healthy. The issue arises later in life, when we reach that time in our lives when we need to begin to scrutinize ourselves more rigorously and courageously vis-a-vis what things inside us are obstacles to our becoming *one with everything*. Don't let the Hindu or Buddhist sound of that phrase, *become one with everything*, put you off; that's also what we, Christians, believe will constitute our final state in heaven – oneness with everything – God, others, the cosmic world, and our true selves.

Hence while they are not wrong in themselves, fantasies that massage our separateness from others, our standing apart from them, and especially our superiority to them, are, at the end of the day, a blockage to the unity in love to which we are called and destined. They are also a way in which we kill others,

leaving room for only ourselves at the head of the table.

We spend a good part of our lives struggling with the sixth commandment. However, most of us end up with an even bigger struggle with the fifth commandment. The Gospel parable about the Prodigal Son throws light on this. The father (God) has two sons and he is trying to get them both into the house (heaven). The younger, prodigal son leaves the house because he is struggling with the sixth commandment. Eventually though he returns to his father and enters the house again. The older brother, who never leaves home but is just as effectively out of his father's house, is struggling with something else – anger, bitterness, jealousy, and judgment of others. He is struggling with bad thoughts. He is killing his younger brother with judgment, jealousy, and with fantasies of his own moral superiority.

It's noteworthy how this parable ends. It doesn't end with the celebration for the younger brother and his rejoining the household. It ends with the father (God) standing outside the house gently and lovingly trying to coax his jealous, bitter, judgmental, older son out of his bad thoughts.

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



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 26/10/23)



- 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 commandment which Jesus quotes first is part of a famous Jewish declaration of faith known as the Shema from Deut 6:4. 'Hear O Israel, the Lord, our God, is one ...' This text is written out and placed inside small boxes called mezuzah which are placed on the door posts of Jewish homes. Each time a person passes through the door, they touch the mezuzah, thus making this declaration of faith several times a day.
- The second commandment quoted comes from Leviticus. Both statements are part of the Jewish Law.
- The term 'the Law and the prophets' implies the whole teaching of Judaism. The Books of the Law, known as the Torah, are the first five books of the Bible, often called the Pentateuch.



In November 2023
we pray
for all who have died.
May they rest in peace.

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with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

THE BOTTOM LINE

(Matthew 22: 34 - 40)

Moses drew the bottom line for the people of God when he presented the stone tablets to them at the base of Sinai: Here are ten things you must, and must not do. Love God, honour your parents; don't steal, kill. Most of us know the commandments well enough to know when we break them, without peeking back at Exodus.

To ask - which commandment of God is the greatest? - is a bit like asking for a hierarchy of evil for future reference. The popularity of lists of sins is that they give us guidelines as to how far we can go in sin before we're over our heads. As Robert Orbin says, most of us would like to be delivered from evil - but would like to keep in touch. The great commandment of Jesus doesn't give us that option. Loving God with heart, soul, and mind is a pretty exclusive commitment. When it comes to monogamy, even a little infidelity is too much.

RULE NUMBER ONE

Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence. This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: Love others as well as your love yourself. These two commands are pegs; everything in God's Law and the Prophets hangs from them".
(Matthew 22: 37 - 40)

Mr Williams was rehearsing his lines in his mind. His daughter had missed curfew once again, and she'd already been warned. How often had he told her about curfew – rule number one? Now, he was going to lower the boom. Ground her for weeks. Take away her driving privileges. Let her know there are consequences to her actions.

And the minutes dragged on. And his worry increased. And his anger

increased along with his worry. The phone rang. "Mr Williams, your daughter is here at the police station. She's OK. There was an accident. It wasn't her fault. We'll be bringing her home shortly, but she didn't want to worry you so she asked me to call".

When his daughter arrived home, he saw the look on her face. He could see all that she'd gone through, the apology already on her lips. It softened his heart. He opened his arms and she came swiftly into his embrace. As if singing a duet, they said simultaneously, "I was so worried for you". The Williams home discovered its new "rule number one": Love God and one another.

God's strong and all-embracing love will go with us, a love nurtured in this faith community. A love that we sense as we come quietly before God. A love that supports us in the hard times. A love that gives permission to question and doubt. A love that binds us together in ministry. A love that sometimes seems absent, but a love that is there for us always, even when we least expect it. A love we know in Jesus through his teachings, his relationships, his stories, and his love that took him to the cross. With God's love we leave this space joyfully and hopefully. Nothing can separate us from the love of God. *GPBS eNews*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(30 October - 5 November)

- **Monday, 30:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 30 (Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17)
- **Tuesday, 31:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 30 (Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21)
- **Wednesday, 1:** ALL SAINTS (Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14; 1Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12)
- **Thursday, 2:** Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) (From Masses for the Dead)
- **Friday, 3:** Weekday, Ordinary Time 30 (Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6)
- **Saturday, 4:** St Charles Borromeo (Rom 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11)
- **Sunday 5:** 31st Sunday Ordinary Time (Malachi 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10; 1 Thess 2:7-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12)

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