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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

Wisdom 11:22-12:2

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.

Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.

Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it.

And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all.

Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by

his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance: he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. (Continued page 4)



Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Annette Roestenburg, Stephanie Langridge, Joelle Davidson and Carmel Northcott, Michele and Gerard Glynn

October anniversaries: Murray Brook, Leo Clark, William Commerford, Trish Dennes, 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 all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends.*

PARISH ROSTERS

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
30/10	A Clark	K Hammat	A Bevan
6/11	L Grant	S Semmler	H Mumford
13/11	M Glynn	M Slagter	H Mumford
20/11	S Semmler	A Gibbs	K Brinkley
27/11	L Grant	P Clark	K Brinkley

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)
30/10 TBA
6/11 Fr John Shanahan

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

For Christmas this year you will have the opportunity to support Louise Place in Adelaide.

Louise Place - Centrecare

Young mothers need opportunities for nurturing – both for themselves and their children. Louise Place is funded by the SA Housing Authority to provide supported accommodation options to pregnant and parenting young women and their children experiencing homelessness, or at risk of becoming homeless.

In November, I will have more information regarding mothers and children who are at Louise Place, including cards with the ages of children. Your generous donations of items suitable for Christmas gifts, would be very much appreciated. Ideas for presents include gingerbread house kits (or other baking kits they can complete with friends or their children), baby toiletries and baby wipes, gift cards for Kmart, chocolates, lollies and Christmas tree or house decorations. Thanks in anticipation of your kindness.
Helen Mumford

CUPPA AFTER MASS

Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee after Mass today. Everyone most welcome.

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

NOVEMBER IS ALL SOULS MONTH

The Parish Commemoration Book will be available for you to inscribe the names of deceased family members.

Please provide Fr Adimai with written lists of names of deceased family members, so they may be interceded for at Mass on 27 November.

Envelopes will be provided for donations for Masses for the Dead and parishioners may provide names. These Masses will be offered in Third World countries.

Blessing of Graves

Mass will be said at 6.00pm on Monday 28 November at Kingscote Cemetery after which graves will be blessed.

WEEKEND RETREAT AT THE MONASTERY

Our next weekend retreat at The Monastery is our 2022 Men's Retreat – 'To be my best self' will be led by Fr Denis Travers CP and Fr Tony Egar CP. The retreat will commence on **November 18** with a dinner and conclude on Saturday November 19 with Mass at 6pm. Cost \$160 GST inc. covers your accommodation and all meals. Contact the Office for any enquires or reservations: 8338 8700 or conference@themonastery.net.au

"THE SOUTHERN CROSS" NOVEMBER EDITION

The next issue of The Southern Cross (November) will be distributed a week later than normal. We should receive our copies for distribution in the

parish on the weekend of November 12/13. The December edition will be inserted in "The Advertiser" on December 17.

RECLAIMING HISTORY WITH VOICE TREATY TRUTH

The Hon Kyam Maher MLC, Attorney General and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, will launch an art exhibition called 'Telling Truth', hosted by Pilgrim Uniting Church in Adelaide. The free event will feature Indigenous singer Corey Theatre, singing in Gunditjmara language, artworks by non-Indigenous artist Colin Clarke and an information session led by Kyam Maher on Voice Treaty Truth in South Australia. **Monday November 7, 5.15pm – 7.00pm**, Pilgrim Uniting Church, 12 Flinders Street, Adelaide 5000.

Free tickets: TryBooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/CDHLA>. Drinks and nibbles provided.

THE WORLD COMMUNITY FOR CHRISTIAN MEDITATION SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Invites you to our Advent Retreat Day – "Crossing Place: End of the Church Year & Beginning of the new Church Year" on November 19, 11am – 3pm with Rev Anne Hewitt, Executive Director & General Secretary, Churches Together SA at St Michael's Anglican Church, 18 Church Road, Mitcham. BYO packed lunch & cup - tea, coffee and water will be provided. Come early for a cuppa and a look at the bookstall. Suggested donation \$15.

For more information: chr.med.southaust@gmail.com.

LEAVING A BEQUEST

Have you ever considered making a bequest to the Church? For more info contact the bequest office (8210 8223, bequestoffice@adelaide.catholic.org.au)





Ron Rolheiser column

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RISKING GOD’S MERCY

Shortly after ordination, doing replacement work in a parish, I found myself in a rectory with a saintly old priest. He was over eighty, nearly blind, but widely sought out and respected, especially as a confessor. One night, alone with him, I asked him this question: “If you had your priesthood to live over again, would you do anything differently?” From a man so full of integrity, I fully expected that there would be no regrets. His answer surprised me. Yes, he said, he did have a regret, a major one: “If I had my priesthood to do over again, I would be easier on people the next time. I wouldn’t be so stingy with God’s mercy, with the sacraments, and with forgiveness. You see what was drilled into me in my formation was the phrase, *The truth will set you free*, and I believed that it was my responsibility to challenge people to protect that. That’s good, but I fear I’ve been too hard on people. They have pain enough in their lives without me and the church laying further burdens on them. I should have risked more God’s mercy!”

I was struck by this because less than a year before, as I took my final exams in the seminary, one of the priests who examined me, gave me this warning: “Be careful,” he said, “never let your feelings get in the way of truth and be too soft, that’s wrong. Remember, tough as it is, only the truth sets people free!” Sound advice, it would seem, for a young priest beginning his ministry.

However, as every year goes by in my own ministry, I feel more inclined to the old priest’s advice. We need to risk more God’s mercy. Admittedly, the importance of truth may never be ignored, but we must risk letting the infinite, unbounded, unconditional, undeserved mercy of God flow freely. The mercy of God is as accessible as the nearest water

tap and we, like Isaiah, must proclaim a mercy that has no price tag: “Come, come without money and without virtue, come everyone, drink freely of God’s mercy!”

What holds us back? Why are we so hesitant in proclaiming God’s inexhaustible, prodigal, indiscriminate mercy?

Partly our motives are good, noble even. We have a legitimate concern over some important things: truth, justice, orthodoxy, morality, proper public form, proper sacramental preparation, fear of scandal, and concern for the ecclesial community that needs to absorb and carry the effects of sin. Love needs always to be tempered by truth, even as truth must be moderated by love. However, sometimes our motives are less noble and our hesitancy arises out of timidity, fear, jealousy, and legalism – the self-righteousness of the Pharisees or the hidden jealousy of the older brother of the prodigal son. No cheap grace is to be dispensed on our watch!

Nevertheless, in doing this, we are misguided, less than good shepherds, out of tune with the God that Jesus proclaimed. God’s mercy, as Jesus revealed it, embraces indiscriminately, the bad along with the good, the undeserving with the deserving, the uninitiated with the initiated. One of the truly startling insights that Jesus gave us is that the mercy of God *cannot not go out to everyone* because it is always free, undeserved, unconditional, universal in embrace, reaching beyond all religion, custom, rubric, political correctness, mandatory program, ideology, and even beyond sin itself.

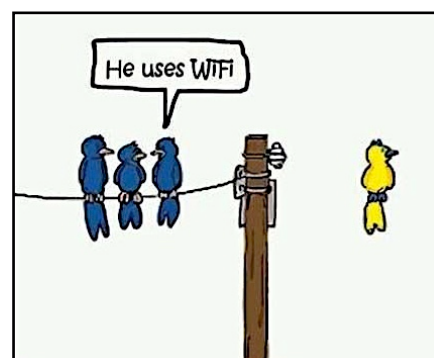
For our part then, especially those of us who are parents, ministers, teachers, catechists, and elders, we must risk proclaiming the prodigal character of God’s mercy. We must not spend God’s mercy, as if it were ours to spend, dole out God’s

forgiveness as if it were a limited commodity, put conditions on God’s love as if God were a narrow tyrant or a political ideology, or cut off access to God as if we were the keepers of the heavenly gates. We are not! If we link God’s mercy to our own assessment of things, we then link it to our own limits, wounds, and biases.

It is interesting to note in the gospels how the apostles, well-meaning of course, often tried to keep certain people away from Jesus, as if they weren’t worthy and were somehow an affront to his holiness and purity. Repeatedly, they tried to send away children, prostitutes, tax collectors, known sinners, and the uninitiated of all kinds and always Jesus over-ruled their attempts with words to this effect: “Let them come! I want them to come to me.”

Little has changed. Always in the church, we, well-intentioned persons, with the same motives as the apostles, keep trying to keep certain individuals and groups away from God’s mercy as it is available in word, sacrament, and community. God doesn’t need (nor want) our protection. Jesus wanted every kind of person to come to him then and he wants them to come to him now. God wants everyone, regardless of morality, orthodoxy, lack of preparation, age, or culture, to come to the unlimited waters of divine mercy.

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



COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 26/10/22)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please follow the instructions as per SA Health in terms of contact tracing and isolating yourself as per government health protocols. Please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- The density requirement has been updated to full capacity in all churches and also includes funerals and weddings.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is strongly recommended.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home and not attend services.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- 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?

- The name Zacchaeus means 'pure' but the actions of this wealthy tax collector belied such a name and earned him the title of 'sinner'.
- Jesus addresses Zacchaeus as 'son of Abraham', a title usually reserved for the holy or pious ones. Jesus is clearly indicating that Zacchaeus is as good as anyone else.
- Jericho lies in the Jordan Valley, just 6 miles north of the Dead Sea, and so has a milder climate than the surrounding barren hills. Herod built a lavish winter palace here.
- The journey of Jesus to Jerusalem is almost complete. Jericho is the last town to be passed through before the steep ascent to Jerusalem.

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When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down.

Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

SAY WHAT?

Zach was the co-worker who made life miserable for everyone in the office. He spent the better part of his days playing video games and made others work late to cover for him. He repeatedly ran over budget and blamed mistakes and excessive spending on junior partners. He minimised or ignored the success of anyone else and made snide comments about them. He excluded all but a select few from lunch conversations and after-hour gatherings. And he openly undermined any co-worker who threatened his role in the hierarchy.

So, when word spread the company chairman was coming to announce some internal changes, you can imagine that many office workers had high hopes that the chairman, known for his integrity and compassion, would recognise Zach for what he was – an office bully. After weeks of preparation, the day of the big visit arrived. The work room was abuzz, but the excitement soon turned to dismay when the chairman walked right to Zach and invited him to dinner!

It felt like a sucker punch to nearly everyone. Except then a strange thing happened. Zach looked down and said, "I have been a royal pain in the neck to everyone in this room and I don't deserve to have dinner with you

until I sincerely apologise for all the damage I have done".

Impossible, you say? Impossible for love to change a sinful heart? Well, let's take a look at this week's gospel.

The Commissioning: Are you ready for new directions? We are ready. Are you sensitive to what is just and fair? We know the way to go. Is welcoming part of your way, part of the way of our Christian community? We are welcoming individuals; we are a welcoming faith community. Are you ready to make amends? Are you ready to be forgiven? We are prepared for a fresh start. You know the embrace of God. The living God be praised.

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SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Zacchaeus' encounter with Jesus led him to reassess the way he lived in the world and the way he related to those around him. He repented his past wrongs, made restitution and entered into a new way of being. This same journey is the one to which baptism into the church calls all believers. *"The Summit" online*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(31 October - 6 November)

- **Monday, 31:** Weekday, Ord Time 31 (Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14)
- **Tuesday, 01:** ALL SAINTS (Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12:)
- **Wednesday, 02:** The COMMEMORATION of ALL the FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls' Day) (Readings from Masses for the Dead)
- **Thursday, 03:** Weekday, Ord Time 31 (Phil 3:3-8; Lk 15:1-10)
- **Friday, 04:** St Charles Borromeo (Phil 3:17 - 4:1; Lk 16: 1-8)
- **Saturday, 05:** Weekday, Ord Time 31(Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15)
- **Sunday 06:** 32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thess 2:16 - 3:5; Lk 20:27-38)

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