

Faith for an Age of Secular Thought

The 20th century saw two world wars, technological and scientific expansion, and multiple schools of thought attempting to analyse what was happening. The Church was not exempt. Pope John XXIII called the second Vatican Council (1962-1965) to take the Church forward. He had heard the voices of thinkers and theologians who were already addressing burning questions. A short *Link* reflection could never do justice to them all. We have chosen two theologians: Karl Rahner and Bernard Lonergan who, while rooted in the genius of St Thomas Aquinas, altered the approach.

Unlike traditional Thomism, which starts with the external object, they start with the human *subject*, exploring how people engage with reality. Rahner and Lonergan saw in every human person an inbuilt tendency to transcendence, in other words, an inborn capacity of openness to the beyond, the "more than", which faith calls divine grace.

Think of the Pantheon in Rome. Still intact after 2100 years, it has a magnificent dome with a circular hole at the top open to the sky. The image evokes our human openness to the divine. Rahner and Lonergan believe that our desire for knowledge and wisdom is part of the heart's hunger for the infinite.

This is evident in the teaching of Vatican II on freedom of religion and respect for conscience. It rejected the warped theory that only Catholics would be saved. God's grace is embedded in all people, working gradually within them in search of truth. In answer to the objection that we can only be saved by Christ, Rahner came up with a quaint phrase, "anonymous Christians". This recalls Christ's teaching in Matthew 25, that *he himself* was the hungry being fed, the

sick being visited, etc. Many good people do so without realising it, yet they too hear the words, "enter into my kingdom..." God creates all humanity capable of receiving God's grace and love, and responding with love in return, and by serving our fellow human beings.

About Christians in particular, Karl Rahner said that "The devout Christian of the future will either be a 'mystic' [i.e. have an inner divine experience] or will cease to be anything at all". Rahner argued that Christianity must become an internal, lived experience of God rooted in daily life, not based on book knowledge.

What of Bernard Lonergan? He, too, saw humanity's openness to the transcendent. Differently from Rahner, he spoke of a "horizon", which is limited but, as we know, can expand. "Expand your horizons" are common words of encouragement. Lonergan goes further, inviting people to ongoing expansion of horizon through three "conversions":

intellectual, moral, religious.

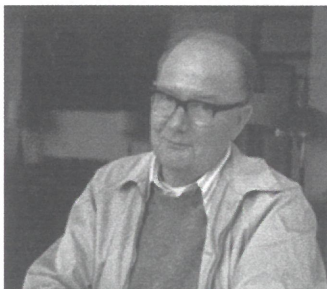
Intellectual – as clarification of "misleading myths" about reality. He challenges us to become intellectually mature, moving beyond childhood naivete towards "critical realism" – a process of understanding experience, then making sound judgements and decisions about it.

Moral conversion is moving beyond self-interest to a commitment to the "common good," even when it doesn't serve one's immediate selfish desires.

Religious conversion is simply "falling in love with God," a gift of grace moving us from self-absorption into self-transcendence and love. Lonergan's favourite quote is: "The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit given to us" (Romans 5:5).



Fr Karl Rahner SJ by Letizia Mancino Cremer



Fr Bernard Lonergan SJ

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name, and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:25-28.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 25.

RESPONSE:

Remember your compassion, O Lord.

1. O Lord, make me know your ways.
Teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth, and teach me;
for you are the God of my salvation.
I have hoped in you all day long. **R**
2. Remember your compassion, O Lord,
and your merciful love,
for they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions.
In your merciful love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**
3. Good and upright is the Lord;
he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgement;
to the humble he teaches his way. **R**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-11.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; and I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:28-32.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 28 Sep (St Wenceslaus, M)

Job 1:6-22; Psalm 17; Luke 9:46-50

King Wenceslaus was well known for acts of mercy – clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, and visiting prisoners – a servant leadership, leading by example what Christ asks of us in Matthew 25.

Tue 29 Sep ARCHANGELS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL

Revelation 12:7-12; Psalm 138; John 1:47-51

On this Feast of the Archangels, let us reflect, with St Augustine, that "It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes people as angels.

Wed 30 Sep St Jerome, PrD

Job 9:1-12.14-16; Psalm 88; Luke 9:57-62

"It is not enough for me that God has given me grace once, but He must give it always. I ask, that I may receive; and when I have received, I ask again. I am covetous of receiving God's bounty." – St Jerome

Thu 1 Oct St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, VD

Job 19:21-27; Psalm 27; Luke 10:1-12

"For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." – St Thérèse of Lisieux

Fri 2 Oct Guardian Angels

Exodus 23:20-23; Psalm 91; Matthew 18:1-5.10

"Angels take different earthly forms at the bidding of their master, God. They thus reveal themselves to human beings and unveil the Divine Mysteries to them". – St John Damascene

Sat 3 Oct Liturgy of the Day

Job 42:1-3.5-6.12-17; Psalm 119; Luke 10:17-24

Jesus didn't go looking for the cross; rather, it came to him because of the way he chose to live his life. If we choose to follow Jesus, then we, too, must be willing to pay the price for our choices.

Sun 4 Oct 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80; Matthew 21:33-43

"When our prime motive is love, a different logic comes into play. We find courage and confidence, not in the likelihood of a good outcome, but in our commitment to love." – Brian McLaren

KEY: SOLEMNITY; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial)
M= Martyr; Pr= Priest; D= Doctor; V= Virgin

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MASS INTENTIONS SEP - OCT 2026

26	Sat	17h00	RIP Cassidy Wheatley and Craig Yusuf Special intention from Rene In thanksgiving Celine Houghton Special intention for Laetitia
27	Sun	08h00	RIP Augusta & Fernando Moutinho RIP Maria dos Reis & Jose Ferreira RIP Vassula Ryden For the restoration of my parent's marriage Happy 1st anniversary Roger and Solange Fruit of the Womb Vocation Discernment
		10h00	RIP Clementina de Nobrega RIP Serafina Pereira de Nobrega In thanksgiving Rory & Lisandro Pimentel
		17h00	Special intention for Laetitia
28	Mon	18h00	COMMUNION SERVICE
29	Tues	18h00	Special intention for Laetitia
30	Wed	18h00	Special intention for Laetitia
01	Thu	18h00	
02	Fri	18h00	In thanksgiving Sheila Houghton

SICK LIST

We pray for the sick, housebound and their caregivers.



Richard Heslop, Shammy Naidoo, Kevin Demmer, Harold de Jongh, Gordon Milburn, Veronica Wheeler, Leonardo, Ken Walters, Wendy Elliott, Margaret de Wet, Genevieve van der Merwe, Gideon Wathen, Nadine Botha, Enita Davies, Michael Serrao, Vincent S and Pat Vosloo

PARISH NOTICES

SECOND COLLECTION FOR MISSION MONTH

The second collection for Mission month starts on the 4th of October and runs through the month finishing the weekend of 25th of October. Please give generously.

NGOME TRIP

A message of appreciation for a successful and safe pilgrimage. Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude for our parish community prayers. May the graces, peace and spiritual fulfilment we received there continue to shine through our daily lives.

OUTREACH

A huge thank you to all who responded to our request for Men's clothing. We were able to assist the families from the parish who are in need.

CONFIRMATION

There will be Confirmation in the Parish on the 18th of October 2026 at the 10h00 Mass. Confessions for the Confirmand i's will be on the 17th of October at 08h00.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be First Holy Communion on the 25th of October 2026 at the 10h00 Mass. Reconciliation for the First Holy Communion will take place at 08h00 on the morning of the 24th of October 2026.

PUBLIC ROSARY

There will be a public rosary held outside the Denis Adami Center on Saturday the 10th of October at 11H45 for 12H00. For more info please contact Grace Sebastian on 0764807805. Public Rosary coordinated nationally by South Africa Needs Our Lady.

BAPTISMS:

Our next baptism will be on the **11th of October** after the 10am Mass. All parents wanting to baptise their children must contact the parish office to make an appointment with Fr Daniel.

PARISH FINANCES

TITHING:

All parishioners who are tithing can find the record of payments made on the notice board. Please check that your payment is registered. If you would like to tithe, please fill in the form in the box.

Please continue to support our Parish via the banking details or the attached Snapscan code
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Queenswood Catholic Church

NEWS

Gently Used Children's Clothing Needed

We are collecting gently used children's clothing and toys for our outreach program. We are looking for gently used, wearable clothing in all children's sizes to support families in need within our community.

Items needed:

- Baby clothing
- Toddler clothing
- Children's shirts, pants, dresses, and skirts
- Jackets and sweaters
- Shoes in good condition
- Blankets and other children's essentials

All donated items should be clean and in good condition. Your generosity will help bring comfort and dignity to children and families who need support.

For donation drop-off information, please contact the parish office.

Thank you for helping us make a difference in the lives of local families.

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CARITAS

CHRIST THE KING OUTREACH PROGRAMME



We provide various food parcels, baby and adult clothing, all household items and toys to the less fortunate. We support various homes for both adults and children. Should you have items that you wish to donate these can be dropped off at the parish office during the week or left in the baskets at the back of the church over the weekends. We continue to assist many families in our parish with everyday necessities thanks to your generous donations. Should you wish to donate to this worthy cause our banking details are:

Christ the King Catholic Church Queenswood:
Standard bank, Cheque account, Account number 011182709, Branch code 000145

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)