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MASS CENTRES

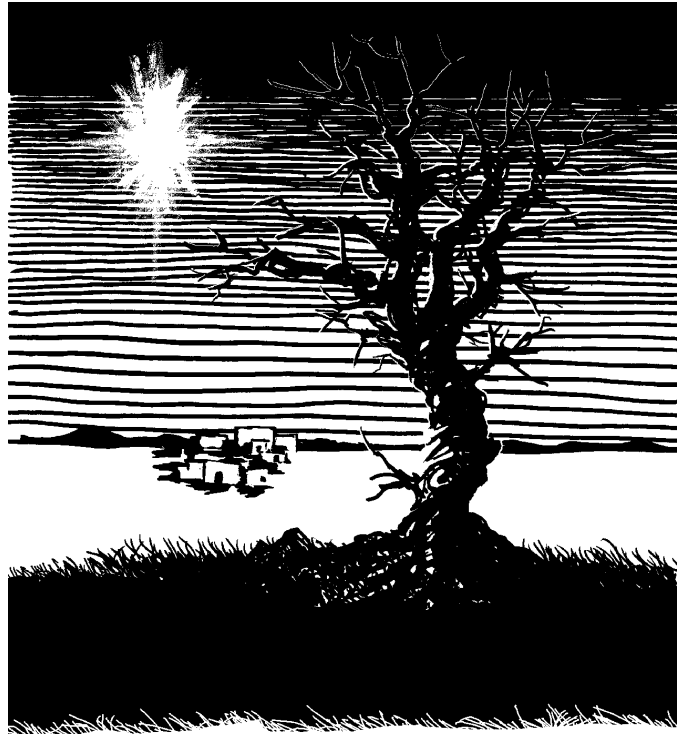
- **KINGSCOTE:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Cnr Giles and Todd Streets
Sunday - 9.30am
4th Sunday - Youth Mass - 6.00pm
- **PARNDANA:** Uniting Church, Cook Street
4th Sunday - 4.00pm
- **PENNESHAW:** St Columba's Anglican Church, Cnr North Terrace and Fourth Street
1st Sunday - 2.00pm

SPONSORSHIP

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CHILD PROTECTION UNIT

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. (Continued page 4)

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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

Prayers for the sick

Please pray for Sam Baynes, Helen Berden, Cath Cantlon, Clarence Cook, Joelle Davidson, Thea & Manning Depold, Don Duffy, Pam Elliott, Tony Fisher, Veronica Farnden, Sue and Charles Gorman, Geraldine Kent, Scott McCreary, Leigh and Phillip McDonald, Kate Palmer, Jack Pitcher, Anne Redden, Bill Roestenburg, Tim Ruge, John Smith, Greg Turner, Karen Williams, Margaret & Harry Rich, Simon Slagter, Nicki and Craig Hoar, Noel Grace,

May they know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing presence.

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MAKING CONNECTIONS

Spend time this week reflecting on the new road you have taken.

How has it changed the way you act or think? In what ways do you encounter the Christ Child in your life?

PARISH NOTICES –03/01/16

1. Thank you to Fr Peter for saying Mass today for us
2. Next week there will be Mass with Fr Peter

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PRAYER

Use today’s Collect as your prayer this week:

*May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord, we pray,
shed its light upon our hearts,
that we may pass through the shadow of this world and
reach the brightness of our eternal home.*

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

The wise men were warned not to return the same way. They did not backtrack but took a new road in life after their encounter with the Christ Child. How does this imagery speak to you of your journey?





Ron Rolheiser column

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MY TOP BOOKS FOR 2015

Taste, as St. Augustine said some 1700 years ago, is subjective. That should be acknowledged upfront whenever someone recommends a reading list. In my case, I need to state too that I'm not a full-time critic. It's not like I've read 200 books this past year and these rose to the top. I read when I can, follow book reviews, am fortunate enough to live with academic colleagues who tip each other off on good books, and I have friends who will occasionally tell me that a certain book "has to be read". From out of that, comes this list. These are the books that most touched me this past year:

Among books on spirituality, I single out these:

- **The Taste of Silence**, Bieke Vandekerckhove. They say that the book you need to read finds you at the time you most need to read it. That was the case here. Vandekerckhove is a young Belgian writer who, twenty years ago, was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, *Lou Gehrig's disease*. Her normal life ended with that sentence and, after an initial descent into darkness, she found strength by making an inner journey into the deep silence that resides inside us all. Her description of her journey is remarkable.
- **Beyond the Abortion Wars, a way forward for a new generation**, Charles Camosy. This is an important book that will healthily shake-up both Pro-Life and Pro-Choice readers by showing that, not only are we closer to each other than we thought, but there is a way, together, to walk out of the present political, social, religious, and legal stalemate within which we find ourselves.
- **The Reluctant Disciple, Daring to Believe**, David Wells. Wells, a young British layman, offers us a warm, witty, and exquisitely balanced insight into how spirituality and life interface in today's world for a person caught up in the ordinary duties and concerns of life. Among other things, it's a spirituality for those who don't like the word spirituality.

- **Mercy in the City**, Kerry Weber. Weber, a young writer on the editorial staff at America Magazine, chronicles her own journey through a Lenten season. This is a warm read, very good book, with deceptive depth.
- **A Religion of One's Own, A Guide to Creating a Personal Spirituality in a Secular World**, Thomas Moore. This book will upset a lot of people for its rather existential concept of community and ecclesiology, but Thomas Moore writes, as always, with a freshness, insight, and depth that brings a healthy challenge to everyone.
- **The World Beyond Your Head, On Becoming an Individual in an Age of Distraction**, Matthew B. Crawford. Not a spirituality book in se, but this book delivers on its title. If you can wade through the philosophical parts, which are taxing, Crawford gives you a lot, really a lot, to think about.

In terms of novels, I particularly liked these:

- **The Children Act**, Ian McEwan. A major, world-class novelist, McEwan gives us here a warm, easy-to-read story that packs a deeper metaphor.
- **The anchoress**, Robyn Cadwallader. Did you ever wonder how people like Julian of Norwich lived? What really was an anchoress? Cadwallader gives us a fictional picture of what someone like Julian of Norwich would have lived out.
- **Purity**, Jonathan Franzen. It takes 600 pages for this story to sort itself out. But it's vintage Jonathan Franzen. He tells a good story
- **Lying Awake**, Mark Salzman. The story of a young Carmelite nun who has to discern illness from mysticism. This book is 15 years old, but well worth the read.
- **The Painter of Silence**, Georgina Harding. Set in Romania just after World War II, Harding sets humanity

and soul into the tragedy of war and into human brokenness in general. A great read, along the lines of *All the Light We Cannot See*.

Finally, a special category: Each year I write a column on suicide. I don't claim any special insight into that singular sadness that surrounds a suicide, both in society at large and in church circles. I write on this issue simply because there's just too little out there to help anyone understand and cope with the loss of a loved one through suicide. During the past year, I received three separate books, all written by a mother who had lost a child to suicide. The stories, while stunningly unique in that each person is his or her own mystery, bear an eerie resemblance to each other, not because they are each written by a mother trying to come to grips with a tragic loss of her own child, but that in each case a grieving mother is describing a very similar kind of person, namely, a beautiful, over-sensitive young person who, in effect, is too-bruised to cope with ordinary life. All three of these books are worth the read and, read together, will scar your heart.

- **Healing the Wound of my Daughter's Suicide**, Lois Severson.
- **Damage Done, Suicide of an Only Son** Gloria Hutchinson.
- **My Daughter, Her Suicide, and God**, Marjorie Antus.

Happy reading!

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

REGULAR MASS TIMES IN OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES ALDINGA

*Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple
cnr Quinliven and Howe Roads*
Saturday 5.30pm
Tuesday 9.15am

GOOLWA

St John the Apostle, 10-14 Gardiner St
Sunday 9.00am
Wednesday 9.30am

KINGSCOTE

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
cnr Todd and Giles Streets*
Sunday 9.30am
4th Sunday (Youth Mass) 6.00pm

NOARLUNGA

*St Luke, the Evangelist,
cnr Honeypot Rd and Goldsmith Dve*
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am
1st Sunday 11.00am (Spanish Mass)
2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm
Monday 9.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Wednesday 7.00am, 7.30pm
Thursday 9.00am (St John's School)
Friday 10.00am

NORMANVILLE

St Peter, Cape Jervis Road
1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 10.30am
2nd, 4th Sundays 8.30am
1st Friday 6.00pm

PARNDANA

4th Sunday 4.00pm

PENNESHAW

*St Columba, North Terrace
(shared with Anglicans)*
1st Sunday 2.00pm

SEAFORD

Seaford Ecumenical Mission, Grand Bvd
Sunday 10.45am
Wednesday 9.00am

VICTOR HARBOR

St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 11.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday (other than 1st) 9.00am
1st Friday 11.30am

WILLUNGA

St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street
1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 8.30am
2nd, 4th Sundays 10.30am
Wednesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday 9.00am

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‘We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.’ When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ‘At Bethlehem in Judaea,’ they told him, ‘for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.’

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. ‘Go and find out all about the child,’ he said ‘and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.’ Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

MISERICORDIAE VULTUS – THE FACE OF MERCY

In his announcement about the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis declared that “no-one can be excluded from the mercy of God.”

He went on to say that the Church was “the house where everyone is welcomed and no-one is rejected. Her doors remain wide open, so that those who are touched by grace may find the assurance of forgiveness.”

In coming weeks, we will share extracts from the document *Misericordiae Vultus* (it translates from the Latin as “The Face of Mercy”). This “bull of indiction”

focuses on the theme for the Jubilee Year, namely “Merciful Like the Father”. In it, Pope Francis reminds that we are each called to a journey of “spiritual conversion”.

“The greater the sin, the greater the love that must be shown by the Church to those who repent,” the Pope said in his announcement.

NOTES OF TODAY'S GOSPEL

The second chapter of Matthew is filled with movement. It starts in Bethlehem and ends in Nazareth by way of Egypt. These stories are unique to Matthew, who focuses on the fulfilment of Scripture. The writer draws parallels with the story of Moses.

The evangelist ends his Gospel with the great commission. “Go make disciples of all the Gentiles, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold I am with you all days until the end of the age.”

Epiphany, or the showing forth of the presence of God in Jesus, is not the commemoration of a past event but an ever new call to continue the showing forth in our time, in our place, among our people.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(04 - 10 January)

- **Monday, 4:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25)
- **Tuesday, 5:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44)
- **Wednesday, 6:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52)
- **Thursday, 7:** Weekday, Christmas Time (1Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22)
- **Friday, 8:** Weekday, Christmas Time (1Jn 5:5-123; Lk 5:12-16)
- **Saturday, 9:** Weekday, Christmas Time (1Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30)
- **Sunday, 10:** The Baptism of the Lord (Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22)