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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Mrs Annette Roestenburg (8553 8281; <u>rostie2@bigpond.com</u>) (All items for the newsletter must be received no later than Wednesday evening.)

MASS CENTRES

- KINGSCOTE: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Cnr Giles and Todd Streets Sunday - 9.30am
- PARNDANA: Uniting Church, Cook Street 4th Sunday - 4pm
- PENNESHAW: St Columba's Anglican Church, Cnr North Terrace and Fourth Street Saturday before 4th Sunday - 7pm

SPONSORSHIP

KANGAROO ISLAND TRANSFERS (0427 887 575) generously donate transport for our visiting Priests.

CHILD PROTECTION UNIT

Sally Wellington (Manager) Phone: 8210 8268



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.

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. '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.

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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 Clarence Cook, Phil Connell,Pauline Deagan, Maureen Dunn, Veronica Farnden, Jayden Forster,Cynthia Fowler, Peter Gibbs, Charles & Sue Gorman, John (BJ) Hardy, Rev Brad Henley, Toni Kempster, Leigh and Philip McDonald, Fr Frank Perry, Jack Pitcher, Anne Redden, Bill Roestenburg, John Smith, Brian Travers,Angela Ward, Peter and Anthony Weatherstone and Rob Willmott.,Joyce pearson

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

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Give a simple gift to someone this week.

PARISH NOTICES -04/01/2015

- 1. Thank you to Deacon Anthony Hill for leading our Liturgy today
- 2. Next Sunday there will be Mass with Fr John Shannahan.
- **3.** Each year the Ladies Guild recognises the achievements of the Year 9 students in Maths.

There is an award for each campus and the winners for 2014 were: Penneshaw – Harley Touhy Parndana – Lauren Downing Kingscote – Rhana Berlin

We extend a big thank you to Mei Kuen and Leo for all their work at the Penneshaw Markets to raise money for these awards and to help our youth to attend Catholic Youth Conferences etc. Thank you all who helped out at the Markets last year and please consider helping this year. This our only form of fundraising, so please help if you can.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The word 'epiphany' means 'manifestation' or 'showing'
- The gifts brought by the Magi(probably astrologers from Persia) reveal many things about Jesus. The gold signifies his kingship the frankincense, his priestly role, and the myrrh suggests the spices and ointment with which his body is anointed and wrapped at his death that brought salvation.
- You will note from the t4ext that the number of Magi is not mentioned. Later, tradition developed that there were three, probably based on the three gifts, and later still they were given names!
- In some countries and cultures, gifts are given on this feast, rather than at Christmas.



MY TOP TEN BOOKS FOR 2014

The pressures of work and ministry, unfortunately, limit the time I have available to read as widely as I would like. Still, addicted as I am to books and knowing that without the insight and stimulation that I draw from them I would forever stagnate spiritually and creatively, I scrupulously carve out some time most days to read. As well, given my ministry and personality, I like to read various genres of books: novels, biography, critical essays, and, not least, books on scripture, theology, and spirituality.

Here's my bias apposite reading: In my freshman year at University, I was introduced to good novels. I realized then how impoverished I'd been without good literature in my life. Since that time, more than 40 years ago, I've never been without a novel lying open somewhere within my reach. Good novelists often have insights that psychologists and spiritual writers can only envy, firing the imagination and the emotional intelligence in a way that academic books often cannot. As well, always lying open somewhere within reach too will be a good biography or a book of essays. These serve to stretch my horizons, as these perennially constrict both my imagination and my heart. Finally, there are theological and spirituality books which, given both my temperament and my vocation, I read with passion, but which also serve as a source of professional development for me.

So given these particular appetites, what are the best ten books that I read in 2014?

Among **novels**, I particularly recommend these four:

• Anthony Doerr, All the Light We Cannot See. This isn't just one of the top books that I read this past year, it is, making an exception for the great classics of English literature, for me, one of the best novels that I've ever read. This is simply a great book; not quite the Diary of Anne Frank, but a story which moves the heart in a similar fashion.

Ron Rolheiser column

Ronald Rolheiser, a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. 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.

- Marilynne Robinson, *Lila*. Robinson picks up some of her characters from Gilead, inserts a lost, young woman named Lila and, through her voice, gives us a near poetry of loneliness and faith. Aside from her emotional depth and perfect prose, Robinson also offers an apologia for the compassion and mercy of God that can help make faith more credible to many of its skeptics today.
- Sue Monk Kidd, *The Invention of Wings.* This is a powerful historical novel about both the evil of slavery and of sexism. Mirroring the Christian story of redemption, good ultimately triumphs, but not before someone has to sweat some blood in martyrdom. Sue Monk Kidd is always worth reading, but this book stands out, even for a novelist of her caliber.
- Jhumpa Lahire, *The Lowland*. Like many of Lahire's novels this story also sets itself within the particular trials of emigrating from India to America, but the flashlight that it shines into human relationships helps lay bare some very universal struggles.

Among **biographical essays**, two books stood out for me this past year.

- Trevor Herriot, *The Road is How, A Prairie Pilgrimage through Nature, Desire and Soul.* The flow of the book follows its title. Herriot does a walking pilgrimage across part of Saskatchewan's prairies, a land roamed for centuries by the buffalo, and lets nature and desire speak to his soul. The result is a remarkable chronicle, a deeply moral book about nature, human nature, sexuality, faith, and desire.
- Nancy Rappaport, In Her Wake, A Child Psychiatrist Explores the Mystery of Her Mother's Suicide. In this book, Nancy Rappaport does what all of us should do if we have lost a loved one to suicide, namely, work through that person's story and find the threads to cleanse and redeem his or her memory.

Among **theological and spirituality books**, I recommend:

- James Martin, *A Pilgrimage*. This is Jim Martin at his best, offering a good, balanced, healthy Christology, presented in a reader-friendly way. Scholarship accessible to everyone.
- Barbara Brown Taylor, *Learning to Walk in the Dark.* She made the cover of TIME magazine for this book, deservedly. Taylor offers an insight into the dark night of the soul for those who can't, or won't, read more technical theological literature.
- Gerhard Lohfink, Jesus of Nazareth, What He Wanted, Who He Was. This is more of a scholarly book, though still pretty accessible to the non-professional. It combines solid scholarship, creative insight, good balance, and committed Christian faith.
- Christian Salenson, Christian de Cherge, A Theology of Hope. Christian de Cherge was the Abbott of the community of Trappist monks who were martyred in Algeria in 1996. This book collects his key writings, particularly as they pertain to the question of the relationship of Christianity to other religions, especially to Islam. Faith, it is said, is built upon the blood of martyrs. Future inter-religious dialogue can be built on both the blood and the writings of this martyr. An exceptional book, though hardly surprising, given the exceptional faith and character of Christian de Cherge.

May many good books find you in 2015.

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

REGULAR MASS TIMES IN OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES

ALDINGA

Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple cnr Quinliven and Howe Roads Saturday 6.00pm 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

NOARLUNGA

St Luke, the Evangelist, cnr Honeypot Rd and Goldsmith Dve Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 9.00am 2nd Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass) Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm Monday 9.00am Tuesday 8.00am Wednesday 7.00am Thursday 9.15am (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) Saturday before 4th Sunday 7.00pm

SEAFORD

Seaford Ecumenical Mission, Grand Bvd Sunday 10.45am Wednesday 9.15am

VICTOR HARBOR

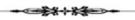
St Joan of Arc, 30 Seaview Road Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 11.00am Tuesday 9.00am Thursday 9.00am Friday (other than 1st) 9.00am 1st Friday 11.30am

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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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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.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM

"Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society. This demands that we be docile and attentive to the cry of the poor and to come to their aid."

Para 187 from Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

FEAST DAY OF THE WEEK *St Raymond of Penyafort (Jan 7)* As a member of the Spanish nobility, St Raymond had the resources and the education to get a good start in life.

By the time he was 20, he was teaching philosophy. In his early 30s he earned a doctorate in both canon and civil law. At 41 he became a Dominican. Pope Gregory IX called him to Rome to work for him and to be his confessor.

One of the things the Pope asked him to do was to gather together all the decrees of popes and councils that had been made in 80 years since a similar collection by Gratian. Raymond compiled five books called the Decretals. They were looked upon as one of the best organised collections of Church law until the 1917 codification of canon law. Earlier, Raymond had written for confessors a book of cases. It was called Summa de Casibus Poenitentiae. More than simply a list of sins and penances, it discussed pertinent doctrines and laws of the Church that pertained to the problem or case brought to the confessor.

According to the American Catholic website, he is the patron saint for lawyers and solicitors.

NOTES ON THE TEXT

Magi comes from the Greek word, magoi. No single word adequately describes them. In a sense they were all of the following: kings and wise men; scientists, astrologers and physicians; magicians, sorcerers and wizards; teachers and Zoroastrian priests. They came from Media, Persia, Assyria, Babylonia and all the lands of the Parthian Empire. In all probability their journey of 1000 - 1200 miles may have lasted as long as two years. Like Abraham, the Magi were called by God to a foreign land. Like Abraham they traveled by faith, not knowing where they were going.

WORDS OF WISDOM

"Mary was raised to the dignity of Mother of God for sinners rather than for the just, since Jesus Christ declares that he came to call not the just, but sinners. St Anselm

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(5 January - 11 January) • Mon, 5: Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 3:22- 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25)

- *Tue, 6:* Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44)
- *Wed*, 7: Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52)
- *Thu, 8:* Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 4:19 5:4; Lk 4:14-22)
- *Fri, 9:* Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16)
- *Sat, 10:* Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30)
- *Sun, 11:* Baptism of the Lord (Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1:7-11)