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(All items for the newsletter must be received no later than Tuesday evening.)

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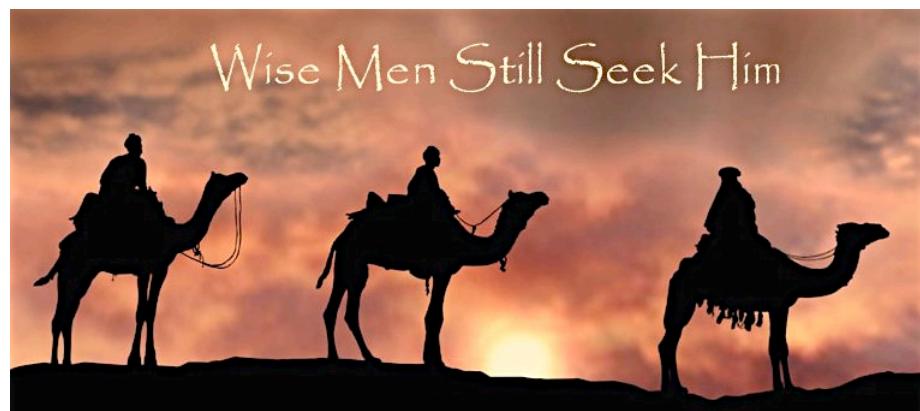
generously donate transport for our visiting Priests.

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

WEEKEND MASSES

This weekend Mass will be held at Kingscote at 9.30am.



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

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

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

Mt 2:2

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.

‘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.

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Bill Roestenburg, Peter Weatherstone, Melanie Howson

January anniversaries: Eunice Airton, Eileen Bateman, Dorothy Brook, Monica Buick, May Cairney, Dominic Cash, Maureen Dunn, Marlene Cummins, Pauline Deegan, 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.

Please pray for all the faithful departed and may all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ.

ROSTERS

Comm	Reader	Cleaning
2/1 M Glynn	W Bennett	C Berden
9/1 A Gibbs	M Slagter	A Bevan
16/1 K Hammat	A Clark	A Bevan
23/1 M Slagter	S Semler	K Brinkley
30/1 P Bennett	A Gibbs	K Brinkley

COVID Marshal

2/1 P Bennett	9/1 A Clark
16/1 M Slagter	23/1 W Bennett
30/1 H Mumford	

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

1/1 Fr Prathap
2/1 Fr Prathap

PRAYER FOR HEALING

The regular Prayer for Healing and Renewal gathering on Thursdays from 9.00am - 9.30am, will recommence on 6 January.

CLERICAL APPOINTMENTS

"I wish to communicate the following appointments I have made, all effective on the Feast of St Agnes, Friday 21st January, 2022

1. **Vicar General**
After 12 years of sterling service as either Vicar General or Apostolic Administrator's Delegate, Fr Philip Marshall has asked to be relieved of that role. I understand his request and am happy to accede to it. I take this opportunity to thank Philip for the manner in which he has, unstintingly, fulfilled these roles, often under difficult circumstances, yet always with generosity, compassion and wisdom. Thank you immensely Philip. A suitable opportunity will be found to thank him more formally at a later date.

I appoint Fr Dean Marin, hitherto Parish Priest of Mount Gambier and Millicent Parishes, as my new Vicar General.

In addition to this role I have asked Fr Dean to coordinate the Vocations Team
 2. **Murray Bridge, Murray Mallee & Mallee Border:** As Administrator of these three Parishes I appoint Fr Philip Marshall. For the time being Fr Philip will retain his present residence and commute between his home and the Parish as required.
 3. **Payneham:** Fr Allan Winter PP has asked to be relieved of the role of Parish Priest of Payneham. I accept his request to move to lesser duties.

As the new Parish Priest Payneham I appoint Fr Michael Romeo, hitherto Parish Priest of Penola to this role.

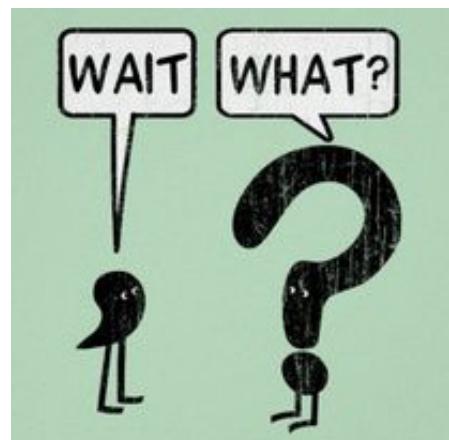
In addition to this role as Parish Priest of Payneham I have asked Fr Michael to take on a mission of studies to begin preparations to study for a licentiate in Canon Law.
 4. **Mount Gambier & Millicent:** As the new Parish priest of Mount Gambier & Millicent, I hereby appoint Fr Peter Zwanns, hitherto Parish Priest of Brooklyn Park-Richmond.
 5. **Brooklyn Park-Richmond:** As Parish Priest of the Parish of Brooklyn Park-Richmond, I appoint Fr Long Hai, hitherto Assistant Priest, Croydon Parish.
 6. **Penola:** As Parish Priest of the Parish of Penola, I appoint Fr Arul Dev, hitherto Assistant Priest at Noarlunga/Seaford and Willunga.
 7. **Noarlunga-Seaford & Willunga:** I appoint as Assistant Priest of Noarlunga/Seaford and Willunga, Fr Dominick Okwadha, hitherto Assistant priest at Brighton and Hallett Cove
 8. **Brighton and Hallett Cove:** I appoint as Assistant priest of Brighton and Hallett Cove Fr Prathap Katta hitherto Assistant Priest at Noarlunga Seaford and Willunga.
 9. **Kangaroo Island:** I have transferred Pastoral Care of the Parish of Kangaroo Island from Noarlunga-Seaford Parish to henceforth be administered by the Cathedral Parish, Adelaide.
 10. **Cathedral Parish of St Francis Xavier:** I appoint Deacon Paul Crowe to the staff of the Cathedral Parish.
- +Patrick O'Regan
Archbishop of Adelaide*

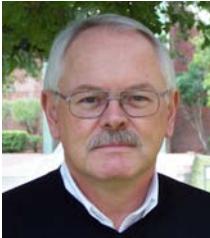
DESMOND TUTU

South African Anglican Bishop and theologian died on 26 December. During his life he was widely praised for his anti-apartheid activism, receiving a range of awards, including the Nobel Peace Prize.

One of his best-known quotes:

When the missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible and we had the land. They said "Let us pray". We closed our eyes. When we opened them, we had the Bible and they had the land.





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

MY TOP 10 BOOKS FOR 2021

I'm not a literary critic, nor pretend to be. Simple fact, I don't read enough. A busy, pressured life affords me only some smaller windows of time within which to read anything that's not directly related to my ministry. Nonetheless, I try to be faithful to a discipline I set for myself years ago, namely, to read eight to ten pages every day from a book (magazines and newspapers don't count). In a normal year that adds up to some three thousand pages.

Among the books I read this past year, which would I most recommend? What's my list for 2021?

Among non-fiction books, books on spirituality, human growth, and personal transformation, I recommend the following books:

1. *Dorothy Day, On Pilgrimage, The Sixties – A Chronicle of faith and action through a decade of protest, idealism, and change*, by **Robert Ellsberg**. In recent generations, we haven't produced many Dorothy Days, namely, spiritual writers who have stood out so singularly for their personal engagement in both social justice and personal piety. Saints aren't always activists and activists aren't always saints. Dorothy Day was both. Robert Ellsberg lived with her during the last years of her life, is her literary executor, and has put together this wonderful collection of articles Dorothy wrote during the turbulent 1960's, a decade that spawned one of the most massive social and religious revolutions ever.
2. *Human(Kind) – How Reclaiming Human Worth and Embracing Radical Kindness Will Bring Us Back Together*, by **Ashlee Eiland**. I bought this book as a gift for someone else and had the good sense of reading it first to see if it was true to its glowing reviews. It was, and more. This is a series of autobiographical essays by a young Afro-American woman who, for me, helps explicate how *the Sermon*

on the Mount might be lived today. An exceptional book! Struggling to be kind in an unkind world.

3. *Elderhood, Redefining Aging, Transforming Medicine, Reimagining Life*, by **Louise Aronson**. The title is a good synopsis of the book. A medical doctor working with elderly persons, Aronson challenges our health care system towards a deeper compassion and each of us towards a better understanding of aging.
 4. *Still Christian, Following Jesus out of American Evangelicalism*, by **David Gushee**. This is an autobiographical account of Gushee's religious and academic journey, from an early (deep and authentic) conversion to Evangelicalism to how the voice of his own conscience eventually strained his relationship to that expression of Christianity, though not his relationship to Jesus. Anyone, of any denomination, who is struggling with his or her church, will profit from reading this book.
 5. *Living Between Worlds – Finding Personal Resilience in Changing Times*, by **James Hollis**. Psychology with a soul. No therapist can solve your problems, but he or she can help you find a bigger story that can give more meaning and dignity to your misery. This book does that.
- Among fiction books**, here are the books that touched me in 2021:
1. *Oscar and the Lady in Pink* by **Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt**. This is an older book (c2002), a short book, and a translation (from French). It's a collection of fictional letters that a dying young boy writes to God. Deceptive in simplicity and deceptive in depth. A worthwhile read.
 2. *Payback*, by **Mary Gordon**. On principle, I read anything Mary Gordon publishes. She always has something important to share. This book measures up. *Payback* is Mary Gordon writing about the cancer we call revenge and the consequences we pay for confusing catharsis with closure.
 3. *Whereabouts*, by **Jhumpa Lahire**. Again, given her previous works, Lahire is an author I read on principle. This book is somewhat different in genre from her other works, but it doesn't disappoint. Someone once said that wisdom is distinct from knowledge in that wisdom is intelligence fused with understanding. That's Lahiri's signature trait, and this book bears that signature.
 4. *Miss Garnet's Angel*, by **Salley Vickers**. Someone sent me this book while I was in recovery from a major surgery. It's a book about "miracles", not the kind where you walk on water, but the kind that is just as real, more meaningful, and more hidden within our normal lives.
 5. *The Forest of Vanishing Stars*, by **Kristen Harmel**. A fictional account about a number of Jewish families trying to escape the Nazis by hiding in a deep forest. This story can seem a bit fantastical initially; but, though it's fictional, it's actually a composite account of the flight from the Nazis through this particular forest by a number of actual historical families.

The book you need to read finds you, and finds you at the time when you most need to read it. That's been true in my life. I'm not sure why these particular books found me this year, but they're the ones that I needed at this time in my life. Admittedly, they may not speak to you in the same way.

But, happy reading! Of these books, or of others!

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

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 27 December, 2021)

- Places of Worship are restricted to 1 person per 4 square metres - with social distancing of 2 metres.
Gathering at home cap: 10 (gatherings at residential premises, including residents of residential premises)
- Wearing of masks is mandatory. (*An official doctor's certificate must be produced on request, if claiming an exemption.*)
- At this time, we haven't received any information re singing during Church services, but certainly singing has been restricted in other venues.
- Social distancing is mandatory - DO NOT CONGREGATE at entry/exit and outside.
- There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during the Mass.
- Every gathering must record contact details - either with the QR code for smart phones, or the handwritten log - both located at the entrance to the Church
- Hand sanitizer is available at Church entrances.
- Offertory procession will be omitted. Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Collection plates will not be passed around.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- The Archdiocese recommends Covid vaccination for all (please check with your GP if you have concerns).
- Obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage. You may wish to access:
[Mass for You at Home – The official website of Mass For You At Home, Australia](#) online and on Channel 10 every Sunday at 6 am.



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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.

JOURNEY INTO LIGHT

The Magi came from the land where the sun rises; they had to turn their back on the light in order to come to the true light who is Christ. They are amongst the first disciples in the New Testament.

Leaving Jerusalem the Magi found and followed their star and it led them to where the child was. Their reaction was different from Herod's: he was troubled, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. They then entered the house. This is the house of God, not the temple in Jerusalem, but this house sheltering the cradle of the king who will shepherd his people, there they offered their gifts.

There are three invitations to worship the infant king. The shepherds and the wise men make the journey; they make the journey from the periphery to the centre. There is a third invitation to Herod and all Jerusalem, but Herod and all Jerusalem do not make the journey. In the Incarnation the world is turned inside out the periphery becomes the centre.'

Fr Alan White OP

THERE ARE NO FOREIGNERS

The meaning is very clear from the general context of Matthew's Gospel. God, in the person of Jesus, is reaching out to the whole world. More than that, the religious leaders of his own people, although clearly aware of where the Messiah would be born, made no effort whatever to investigate. Yet Bethlehem was "just down the road", so to speak, from Jerusalem.

These pagan foreigners, on the other hand, went to great lengths to find the "King of the Jews" and "do him homage".

All in all, today's feast is telling us that for God there are no foreigners, no outsiders. From his point of view, all are equally his beloved children. We all, whatever external physical or cultural differences there may be between us, belong to one single family which has one Father, "our" Father. It means that every one of us is a brother and sister to everyone else.'

Fr Frank Doyle SJ

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(03 - 09 January)

- **Monday, 03:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25)
- **Tuesday, 04:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44)
- **Wednesday, 05:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52)
- **Thursday, 06:** Weekday, Christmas Time (1Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22)
- **Friday, 07:** Weekday, Christmas Time (1Jn 5:5-12; Lk 5:12-16)
- **Saturday, 08:** Weekday, Christmas Time (1Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30)
- **Sunday, 09:** The Baptism of the Lord (Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).