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

SPONSORSHIP

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

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Child Protection Unit 8210 8159

WEEKEND MASSES

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

Due to current COVID-19
restrictions (1 person per 4 sqm) we
are only permitted up to 39 people in
our Church.



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:

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PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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.

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

ROSTERS

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
3/1	M Glynn	C Pahl	A Bevan
10/1	M Slagter	W Bennett	A Bevan
17/1	J Fernandez	K Wales	K Brinkley
24/1	K Hammat	P Clark	K Brinkley
31/1	S Semler	A Gibbs	A Clark

COVID Marshal

3/1 A Clark
10/1 P Bennett
17/1 M Slagter
24/1 J Fernandez
31/1 C Weatherstone

JANUARY PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

3 January Fr Dev
10 January Fr Josy
17 January Communion Service
24 January Fr Dev
31 January Fr Prathap

QR CODES FOR ALL PARISH COMMUNITIES

From the beginning December it is mandatory for all public activities with a Covid-Safe plan to display a QR code.

A QR code is like a barcode, consisting of black and white squares. When you arrive at a venue or business, you will use the COVID SAfe Check-In feature in an app on your smart phone to scan the business' unique QR code instead of signing in manually.

If you do not have a smart phone, a paper record will still be available for you to provide your details.

If you would like more details about the QR code, please go to this link:

https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0004/329413/20101130-COVID-SAfe-Check-In-FAQs-for-Individuals-final.pdf

A CULTURE OF CARE AS A PATH TO PEACE

Pope Francis' message for this year's World Day of Peace is *A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace*. Building on the recent encyclical *Fratelli Tutti/ Brothers and Sisters All*, the Pope calls for a *common, supportive and inclusive commitment to protecting and promoting the dignity and good of all, a willingness to show care and compassion, to work for reconciliation and healing, and to advance mutual respect and acceptance*. This is a *privileged path to peace*.

The Pope is greatly concerned that the events of the last year, especially the global pandemic, have magnified *the culture of indifference, waste and confrontation so prevalent in our time*. But he also points to the magnificent efforts of so many people and so many sectors of society who have demonstrated exactly what *a culture of care* looks like, through the efforts to prevent and alleviate terrible suffering, even at the cost of many people's lives, such as health workers and aged care workers.

When we look at the life of Jesus, and the culture of the Church, from earliest times till today, it is clear how Christians are called to serve those in greatest need, and to help create a culture of care for all, especially the most vulnerable. The Church's social doctrine, progressively proclaimed over the last 130 years, offers a *compass to esteem the value and dignity of every person, to act together in solidarity for the common good, and to bring relief to those suffering from poverty, disease, slavery, armed conflicts and discrimination*.

As we enter this new decade, the Pope's Peace Message serves as a wake up call to review our lives, the culture by which we live, and our witness to Christ's self-sacrificing love.

(There are some copies of the Pope's message available in the Church foyer - to read and to promote its discussion in our community as we begin this new year.)

Peter Laffan

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT!

A survey was made among school children asking the question why they enjoyed reading Harry Potter novels and watching Harry Potter movies. The most common answer was, "Because you never know what's going to happen next!" The same element of suspense and discovery marked the journey of the Magi, who never knew what road the Spirit was going to take them down next.

Marco Polo journeying to India and China, Christopher Columbus going to America, Admiral Byrd to the South Pole, astronauts flying to the moon: such adventurers have always aroused our admiration and curiosity.

The magi-astrologers described in today's Gospel had to be a little crazy leaving the security of their homeland to venture forth into a strange country presided over by a mad king like Herod, in search of a Divine child. But their great Faith, curiosity, and adventurous spirit enabled them to discover the secret of the whole universe – the secret of God's incredible love for His people – because the Child they found was no ordinary child but the very Son of God become man.

Today's readings invite us to have the curiosity of the school students and the faith and adventurousness of the magi so that we may discover the "epiphany" of our God in everyone and every event, everywhere.

"Vatican News"



I heard the neighbour cough!



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 TEN BOOKS FOR 2020

When St. Augustine said that “concerning taste there can be no dispute”, he was only partially right. Admittedly, taste always has a subjective aspect; but there’s always an objective component as well: objectively, a cheap soda is not a fine wine, millions of musical compositions are not Mozart, and the picture that your kindergarten child drew for your birthday is not a Van Gogh.

With that being said as an apologia, I admit that my selection of these ten books has a strongly subjective factor. These are simply the books that spoke most deeply to me this past year. Perhaps they won’t do the same for you. Nonetheless, I assure you that none of them is a cheap soda or a crayon picture a child drew for your birthday.

Which ten books spoke to me most deeply this past year?

1. Clare Carlisle, *Philosopher of the Heart, The Restless Life of Soren Kierkegaard*. If you’ve never read a good introduction to the life and work of Soren Kierkegaard, this is your book. It’s a unique combination of scholarship, clear writing, criticism of, and sympathy for Kierkegaard.
2. Michael J. Buckley, *What Do You Seek? The Questions of Jesus as Challenge and Promise*. Among the books I read this year, this book challenged me the most personally. Buckley, who died in 2019, shines a light into your soul and shows where the both the challenge and promise of Jesus lie.
3. Frederick Buechner, *The Magnificent Defeat*. First published in 1966, this book only found me this year. An ordained Presbyterian minister, Buechner is theologian, poet, philosopher, novelist, and essayist and always worth the read, particularly this book. Some rare insights.
4. Mark Wallace, *When God was a*

Bird – Christianity, Animism, and the Re-Enchantment of the World. As Christians we believe that God wrote two books: the Bible and the world of nature. As Christians, we have both books; animists and pagans have just the one book, the book of nature. Wallace submits that it’s time (both for a fuller understanding of our own faith and for a healthier relationship to the natural world) for us as Christians to take the book of nature more seriously and be less afraid of animism. His insights will stretch you but keep you solid doctrinally.

5. Gerhard Lohfink, *Prayer Takes Us Home, The Theology and Practice of Christian Prayer*. Gerhard Lohfink is a German biblical scholar and always worth reading. This is his fourth book in English and, like his others, it as a rare combination of scholarship, personal faith, and good clear writing.
6. Muriel Barbery, *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*. This is a novel written in 2006 that’s full of insight, wit, and surprise. Not for you if you’re looking for action. This is staring at a work of art, but asking yourself repeatedly, how could its creator be that clever?
7. Marilynne Robinson, *Jack*. Time magazine lists her as one of the 100 most influential people in America and that’s true, certainly for my own life. Marilynne Robinson is a highly acclaimed novelist and a deeply insightful religious writer. This book, *Jack*, will demand a little patience on your part. Don’t give up on it because nothing moves in the first 50 pages. In the end, the book will move you.
8. Helen Prejean, *River of Fire, My Spiritual Journey*. The author of *Dead Man Walking* shares her autobiography. This is the conversion story of an exceptional woman who, it would seem, didn’t need a conversion. Candid, honest, deep.

9. Lyn Cowan, *Portrait of the Blue Lady, The Character of Melancholy*. Another book that was written sixteen years ago but only found me this year. It’s a book on melancholy written by a brilliant Jungian and mythologist. Here’s a taste: “Melancholy has even lost its name: melancholy is now ‘depression’, clinicalized, pathologized, and undifferentiated from the blue ‘melancholy’ formerly recognized by poets, philosophers, blues singers and doctors alike, now experienced as a ‘treatable illness’ rather than a difficult, often painful affliction of the soul that is not an illness and doesn’t want treatment.” For Cowan, melancholy is your inroad to befriending the deeper parts of your soul.
10. Ira Byock, *The Four Things that Matter Most*. First published in 2004, this is a very popular book that deserves to be popular. Byock gives his whole thesis in the book’s opening sentence. The four most important things you will ever say are: *Please forgive me. I forgive you. Thank you. I love you*. These are words people tend to utter on their deathbeds. However, as Byock urges, it is best to start saying them long before our loved ones gather round our deathbed. The saddest words we say? “*It might have been!*”

Beyond these ten books, I also highly recommend Pope Francis’ new Encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*.

These are the ten books that spoke deeply to me this year. I can’t guarantee they will do that for you. But I can guarantee that none of them is a cheap soda!

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

COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

(Current - updated 14 December)

- Attendance for Mass is capped at 100 people, whilst maintaining 1:4 sqm.
- Funerals are capped at 150 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- Weddings are capped at 150 people, whilst maintaining 1:2 sqm.
- No beverage or food consumption (ie cup of tea after Mass)
- Singing as a congregation is to be avoided.
- Except for families and household groups, people should socially distance. There should be no physical contact outside one's family or household group.
- 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 to be 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 but a single drop point is provided at the churches.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- All surfaces should be cleaned at least daily, with special attention given to frequently touched surfaces.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people should be encouraged not to attend.
- Care should be taking at the dismissal and on leaving the church to minimise social contact.
- The obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage.

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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.

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 which brought salvation.
- You will note from the text that the number of Magi is not mentioned. A 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 on Christmas Day.

EXPLORING THE WORD

This is a wonderful story about who recognises Jesus and who does not. The Magi are from the East; they are not members of the chosen people of

God, and yet they recognise the signs of a momentous birth and set out to find the child. The king of the Jews, Herod, as well as the chief priests and scribes, the very people who should be looking for the Messiah, have not seen the signs. The positive and joyful response of the gentile Magi is contrasted with the opposite reaction from those who should have known better. The Magi fall in homage to a small child in an inconspicuous house. They have recognised the divine in the ordinary and bow before him as they would a king. In Matthew's community, many were struggling with the fact that the Jews reject the proclamation of the gospel while the gentiles accept it and come to faith in Christ.

SHARING THE TRADITION

This feast of the Epiphany originated in the Eastern Church and took hold in Rome some time during the fourth century. The main focus given to the feast was that of celebrating the coming to faith of the gentiles. Over time, the Magi of the gospel became the three kings of folklore and eventually even developed names: Balthasar, Melchior and Caspar. These three are often depicted as Asian, African and European, representing the three known continents of the time. What is important in this later development is that it retains the original meaning: that Christ came to all nations and is the salvation of all people who recognise him.

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 (1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44)
- **Wednesday, 6:** Weekday, Christmas Time (1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52)
- **Thursday, 7:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Lk 4:14-22)
- **Friday, 8:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16)
- **Saturday, 9:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30)
- **Sunday 10:** BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Is 55:1-11; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11)

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