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received no later than Tuesday
evening.)

WEEKEND MASSES

Kingscote at 9.30am

CONFESSION

Kingscote at 9.00am
(prior to Mass)

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Prayers for Healing and Renewal in
the Church - Thursdays at 9.00am



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.*

1. O God, give your judgment to the
king, to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in
justice and your poor in right
judgment. <R>

2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails. He
shall rule from sea to sea, from the
Great River to earth's bounds. <R>
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea
coasts shall pay him tribute. The
kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring
him gifts. Before him all kings
shall fall prostrate, all nations shall
serve him. <R>
4. For he shall save the poor when
they cry and the needy who are
helpless. He will have pity on the
weak and save the lives of the poor.
<R>

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.

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Sue Semler, Brianna Chudlee, Peter Weatherstone, John Slagter, Annette Roestenburg, Michelle Glynn, Elijah Laundy, Rebecca Semler, Simon Laundy, Chris Heath, Josh Semler

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, John Lavers, 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 the faithful departed and may all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ.

PARISH ROSTERS

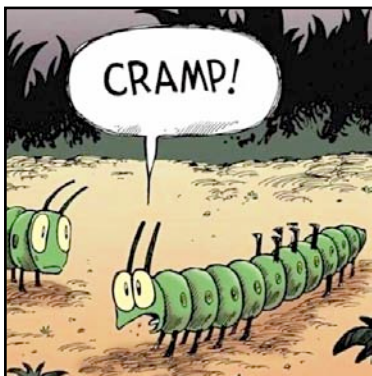
	Reader	Prayers	Cleaning
5/1	P Bennett	M Glynn	A Clark
12/1	A Clark	W Bennett	A Clark
19/1	M Slagter	L Grant	A Clark
26/1	P Bennett	K Hammat	A Clark
2/2	H Mumford	A Clark	C Berden

PRIEST ROSTER

5/1	F Matthew Newman
12/1	Fr Jacek Wojcik
19/1	Fr John Shanahan

“BECAUSE 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.

When pilots Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager made their historic flight in 1986 with their spindly Voyager aircraft, the whole world followed it with excitement. For nine days a sky-watch was kept tracking their first non-stop global flight without refueling. Marco Polo journeying to India and China, Christopher Columbus coming to America, Admiral Byrd going to the South Pole, our 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*

TODAY’S GOSPEL

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family’s flight into Egypt. Matthew’s Gospel tells a version of Jesus’ birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, “When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . .” The story of the census is found only in Luke’s Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew’s Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the

naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew’s Gospel, they represent the Gentiles’ search for a saviour. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus’ role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus’ kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus’ death.

The word Epiphany means “manifestation” or “showing forth.” Historically several moments in Christ’s early life and ministry have been celebrated as “epiphanies,” including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

Loyola Press

2025

- 26 Jan Australia Day
- 27 Jan Australia Day holiday
- 28 Jan First day, School term 1
- 29 Jan Lunar New Year (Year of the Wood Snake)
- 5 Mar Ash Wednesday
- 10 Mar Adelaide Cup Day
- 12 Apr Last day School term 1
- 13 Apr Palm Sunday
- 17 Apr Thursday of Lord’s Supper
- 18 Apr Good Friday
- 19 Apr Holy Saturday
- 20 Apr Easter Sunday
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 28 Apr First day School term 2



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Ron Rolheiser column

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MY TOP TEN BOOKS FOR 2024

Full disclosure, I don't read enough. A busy, pressured life affords me only small windows of time to read anything 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 year that adds up to several thousand pages.

Among those pages this year, which ten books would I recommend? Here's my list.

Among books on spirituality, I found each of these meaningful:

- **Richard Gaillardetz, *While I Breathe I hope – A Mystagogy of Dying***, edited by Grace Mariette Agoli. This is the book that affected me most this past year. Richard Gaillardetz, as you probably know, was a renowned theologian at Boston College who died of cancer in November 2023. These are his reflections during the last months of his life. They show a remarkable faith and an equally remarkable love. He didn't miss the hour of his death, but gave it away as a gift. This book is part of that gift.
- **Mark Joseph Williams, *Torrent of Grace, A Catholic Survivor's Healing Journey After Clergy Abuse***. A survivor of clerical sexual abuse, Mark Williams comes to grips with this in a way that leads to forgiveness and reconciliation, but only after many years of trauma. He tells his story in a way that doesn't gratuitously spray guilt around but leaves everyone, not least the institutional church, with a needed challenge. Everyone should read this story of healing.
- **John Mark Comer, *Practicing the Way: Be with Jesus, Become like Him, Do as He Did***. John Mark Comer is an Evangelical Christian with wide ecumenical leanings and solid theological insight. This is an

excellent book, a practical guide to deepen anyone's Christian discipleship, irrespective of denomination.

- **Mirabai Starr, *Ordinary Mysticism, Your Life As Sacred Ground***. Mirabai Starr is a believer and a mystic, even though she does not formally profess faith in any religion. She gives the phrase *I am spiritual but not religious* more depth than is ordinarily found there. And because she is not speaking out of any one religion or denomination, her words offer something for anyone of any religion or denomination.
- **Peter Halldorf, *To Love Your Neighbor's Church As Your Own – A Manifest for Christian Unity***. Peter Halldorf is a Lutheran, Evangelical, Eastern Orthodox Christian. This book (which was handed to me by an Eastern Rite Bishop at an ecumenical celebration this past summer) outlines a vision for ecumenism and Christian unity which are more insightful and far-reaching than most anything I have read. This little book is a treasure.
- **Brian Swimme & Monica DeRaspe-Bolles, *The Story of the Noosphere***. Perhaps more scientific than spiritual, this very readable book will help you understand both the origins of our universe and how those origins fit seamlessly into a Christian vision.
- **Raymond E. Brown** – Each year during those respective seasons, I reread Raymond Brown's books on Advent, Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, and Pentecost. Each of these (five books in all) is a small (under 90 pages) volume which is a major scripture course all by itself.
- **Donna Freitas, *Wishful Thinking, How I Lost My Faith and Why I Want to Find It***. Known for her books in the area of sexuality, Freitas writes a memoir of her own struggles with faith and how that struggle was compounded by her personal experience of being

sexually abused by a priest. What sets this book apart from other memoirs of this sort is the second phrase in her title, *Why I Want to Find it*.

Among academic books, I recommend this one:

- **William T. Cavanaugh, *The Uses of Idolatry***. Charles Taylor in his classic, *A Secular Age*, speaks of how we now live in an age of *disenchantment*, wherein we no longer see anything behind empirical reality. For us, he submits, there are no angels, no spirits, no demons, and no gods, only empirical reality. We live with what he calls "buffered personalities," that is, the world of spirits and demons no longer affects us. The consequence of this is that agnosticism and atheism now become easy options. Cavanaugh disputes that and argues that we are not disenchanted. Rather we are simply *re-enchanted* with different (empirical) spirits, demons, and gods. *Our problem, he believes, is not atheism but idolatry*. We simply are worshipping new gods and fearing new demons. This is an interesting read, though not an easy one.

Among novels, it hasn't been a banner year for me, both because I didn't find time to read many novels and because I was disappointed with many I did read. But this one stands out:

- **Anne Michaels, *Held***. Nominated this year for the Booker Prize, this is Anne Michaels at her literary best, though with a storyline that is not always easy to follow. But Anne Michaels is always worth reading.

And all of this is offered under St Augustine's famous dictum: *Concerning taste there should be no disputes*.

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

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

For those of you who wish to make your weekly contributions to the first and second collections by direct debit, these are the banking details for each.

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A/c No 100000067
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CHILD PROTECTION

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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.

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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.'

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.

EPIPHANY REFLECTION

The Feast of the Epiphany is a celebration of light and revelation. It marks the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus, highlighting that His

coming is for all nations. Through reflections on Isaiah's prophecy, Paul's letter to the Ephesians, and the Gospel of Matthew, we explore how Jesus' light shines for all, guiding and inviting us to follow Him.

The Light That Shines for All

The Feast of the Epiphany is a celebration of light. Isaiah's prophecy speaks of a great light shining upon Jerusalem. This light attracts nations and kings. It shows the presence of God and marks the beginning of a new time. This prophecy points to the coming of Jesus, the Messiah. He is the light for all people.

Isaiah mentions gifts of gold and frankincense. These gifts are the same as those the Magi brought to Jesus. This connection ties the Old Testament to the New Testament. It shows how the prophecies are fulfilled in Jesus. The gifts of the Magi honor Jesus as king and God.

The Epiphany is not just about an event long ago. It reminds us that Jesus' mission is for everyone. He came for all nations and all people. The light of Jesus shines on us today, guiding us and showing us the way. This light invites us to follow Jesus and to share His light with others.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(06 - 13 January)

- **Monday, 6:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25)
- **Tuesday, 7:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44)
- **Wednesday, 8:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52)
- **Thursday, 9:** Weekday, Christmas Time (1Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22)
- **Friday, 10:** Weekday, Christmas Time (1Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16)
- **Saturday, 11:** Weekday, Christmas Time (1Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30)
- **Sunday, 12:** 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

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