



Welcome to

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

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

## MASS CENTRES

### • KINGSCOTE:

Our Lady of Perpetual Help,  
Cnr Giles/Todd Sts  
Sunday - 9.30am

### • PENNESHAW:

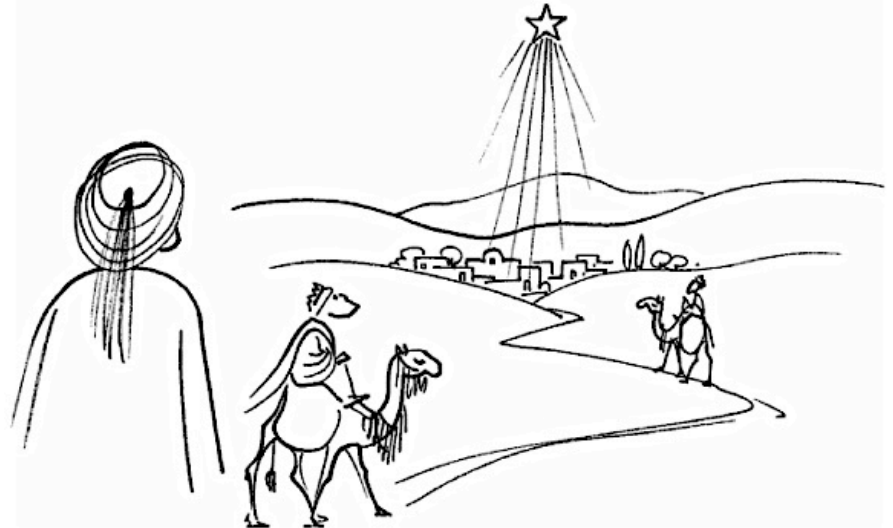
St Columba's Anglican Church,  
Cnr North Terrace and Fourth Street  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday - 3.15pm

## SPONSORSHIP

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

## CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection Unit 8210 8159



## 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.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men  
to see him privately. *(Continued page 4)*

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish

## PARISH NOTICES

Next week: Mass Kingscote 9:30 AM  
Confession is available every Sunday 30 minutes before Mass.

We welcome Fr. Prathap, newly appointed assistant priest in the southern cluster of parishes, to KI for the first time.

### **Priest Roster:**

12/1 Fr. Selva

### **Mass Roster:**

#### **Today:**

Readers C Pahl M Slagter.

Gifts: Clark family.

Sp. Min. H Mumford A Gibbs.

Cleaning / Coffee: H Mumford.

#### **Next week:**

C Pahl M Slagter.

Wales family.

A Clark M Slagter.

K Brinkley.

### **Collections December 29th.**

1<sup>st</sup> (Support of the Priests of the Archdiocese) **\$149.85**

2<sup>nd</sup> (Upkeep of our parish programs & property) **\$167.00**

Aboriginal Catholic mission **\$365.00**

### **JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Eunice Airton, Eileen Bateman, Dorothy Brook, Monica Buick, May Cairney, Dominic Cash, 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,...

**Please pray for those who are sick.....**Sr. Carmel Clarke, Mei Kuen Sexton, Fr Peter Milburn, Toni Langridge, Damian Baynes, Charles Gorman, Maureen Dunn, Dalton Baynes, Roy Gatton, .....May all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends know the healing love of Christ through our actions and His healing presence.

Please also remember in your prayers those impacted by the fires here on KI and elsewhere in Australia.

*Please contact Peter Clark to have names entered. For privacy reasons permission is required before names are submitted for entry in this bulletin.*

## Christmas Humour



*If you have items for this newsletter, please email to [paclark@muckra.com.au](mailto:paclark@muckra.com.au) or text message to 0418 819 078*

### **Archdiocesan Events**

*For a full listing of events and activities being held across the Archdiocese, please visit:*

*<http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/parishes-and-mass-times/newsletters-from-archbishop-s-office>*



## 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.

### THE BEST TEN BOOKS THAT FOUND ME IN 2019

There's a Latin axiom which argues that there's no accounting for taste, *de gustibus non est disputandum*. I reference it as to preamble to my annual list of the ten books I most enjoyed this past year because, admittedly, taste is somewhat subjective. I chose these particular books because they're the ones that spoke most deeply to me. Perhaps they won't speak to you in the same way. Fair enough. There's no accounting for taste.

So, here are the authors and the books that spoke to me most deeply during this past year ...

1. **Bernardo Olivera**, *How Far to Follow? The Martyrs of Atlas*. This book helps tell the inside story of the Trappist monks who were martyred by Islamic extremists in Algeria in 1996. Similar to the movie, *Of Gods and Men*, it focuses on the deep struggles these men underwent in making the decision not to leave their monastery and, instead, face martyrdom.
2. **Donald Senior**, *Raymond E. Brown and the Catholic Biblical Renewal*. Well-researched and well-written, this is a biography of the renowned scripture scholar, Raymond E. Brown, who stood out both for his scholarship and for his exemplary discipleship and priesthood. The book is more of an intellectual history of Brown than a chronicle of his life. It's interesting too because, by sharing Brown's intellectual history, Senior also highlights the particular theological and ecclesial struggles of Brown's generation. For many of us this will be hauntingly familiar."
3. **Rachel Held Evans**: This past year, scanning book reviews, I discovered the writings of Rachel Held Evans. I cite three of her works here that spoke to me very deeply: *Searching for Sunday*, *Loving, Leaving, and Finding Church*; *Inspired*, *Slaying Giants*,
4. **Jean Bosco Rutagengwa**, *Love Prevails, One Couple's Story of Faith and Survival in the Rwandan Genocide*. Someone once said that if you want to understand the tragedy of the Second World War you can read a thousand books about it and watch a thousand hours of film – or you can read the Diary of Anne Frank. This is such a "diary", written inside the horrors of the Rwandan Genocide.
5. **Robert Ellsberg**, *A Living Gospel, Reading God's Story in Holy Lives*. The lives of the saints are our living gospel and Robert Ellsberg is the foremost hagiographer in the English language today. This, wonderfully readable, book teaches us both what hagiography is and why it's important.
6. **Margaret Renkl**, *Late Migrations, A Natural History of Love and Loss*. This is a unique kind of book, a poetics of sorts on love, nature, adoration, family life, death, dying, and human resiliency. This is a piece of art.
7. **Richard Rohr**, *The Universal Christ*. This book will challenge you and will, with a sound scriptural theology, challenge mainline theology in its popular conception of both the intent and the scope of the incarnation. An important read.
8. **Ruth Burrows**, *Before the Living God*. This is Ruth Burrows' autobiography. I first read it thirty-two years ago. It moved me then and it moved me even more thirty-two years later. In her story, you will better understand your own story and the movement of God in your life.
9. **David Brooks**, *The Second Mountain, The Quest for a Moral Life*. Brooks' Second Mountain very much corresponds to what spiritual writers like Richard Rohr call the Second-Half of Life. Drawing upon his own story and creatively mixing secular and religious perspectives, Brooks lays out a challenging vision of what it means to mature, to move from being the hungry child to becoming the blessing adult. An excellent read.
10. **Mary Jo Leddy**, *Why Are We Here, A Meditation on Canada*. Not least, a book from a Canadian. Mary Jo Leddy, the Founder and Director of Romero House for refugees in Toronto has always been a prophetic voice. In this book, she submits that every country has its "original sin", some primal fault in its origins that now taints its present. For Canada, she argues, it was how it treated its indigenous peoples as it formed itself into a nation. Canada is not unique in having such an "original sin". Every country has it. Everyone should read this book.

I apologize that this year's list, again, does not include any novels.

You can read, or download, Ron Rolheiser's weekly columns from his website at: [www.ronrolheiser.com](http://www.ronrolheiser.com)

## REGULAR MASS TIMES IN OUR CLUSTER CHURCHES ALDINGA

*Mary of Galilee, the First Disciple  
cnr Quinliven and How 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

## NOARLUNGA

*St Luke, the Evangelist,  
cnr Honeypot Rd and Goldsmith Dve*  
Saturday 6.00pm  
Sunday 9.00am  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 11am (Spanish Mass)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 2.00pm (Filipino Mass)  
Sunday (Youth Mass) 5.30pm  
Monday 9.00am  
Tuesday 9.00am  
Wednesday 7.30pm  
Thursday 8.15am (St Luke's)  
Thursday 9.15am (St John's - term time)  
Friday 10.00am

## NORMANVILLE

*St Peter, Cape Jervis Road*  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays 10.30am  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 8.30am  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday  
11.50am Adoration, 12.00 noon Mass

## PENNESHAW

*St Columba, North Terrace  
(shared with Anglicans)*  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 3.15pm

## 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 9.00am  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday Benediction following Mass

## WILLUNGA

*St Joseph, 12 St Judes Street*  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays 8.30am  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The word 'epiphany' comes from a Greek word meaning manifestation or revelation. In Matthew's Gospel, this episode is the first public manifestation of Jesus.
- Herod the Great ruled only because Rome allowed it. He was not Jewish (his mother was not Jewish) but he had married into the royal family. He would have been very afraid of a possible rival to his claim to the throne.
- This text again mentions that Jesus was born at home in Joseph's house in Bethlehem. The family only relocated to Nazareth after having fled to Egypt to escape the threat from Herod to the child's safety.
- The 'wise men' were probably magi or astrologers from Persia and represent all those who seek God with a sincere heart.
- The gifts of the magi are of great value; gifts fit for a king!

### EXPLORING THE WORD

The key to understanding this highly symbolic gospel lies in the response to Jesus of the various actors. The wise men are not of the house of Israel; they are foreigners from the East. And yet it is they who recognise the signs and embark on a journey to find the

newborn king and worship him. The opposite response comes from the very people who should know better. Herod, the King of the Jews, and the chief priests and scribes, the interpreters of Scripture, have not seen what is there before them and, when they do come to understand, seek only to do harm to Jesus. This is the first hint of the harm that will ultimately come to him from similar characters much later in his life. They are not open to the revelation of God in this child.

Imagine the disappointment the wise men must have felt when they find a poor child born in a simple house instead of a mighty king. But they are open to the revelation of God and bow down before him. The expensive gifts of the wise men are highly symbolic: gold was presented to kings, frankincense was offered to God, and myrrh used in anointing for burial. Thus they refer to the kingship of Jesus, his divinity and his salvific death.

- In what ways do you recognise the divine in the ordinary?
- How long have you been on your journey, and how much progress have you made?
- What keeps leading you on?
- What new road have you taken, and where do you hope it leads you?

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

*(06 - 12 January)*

- **Monday, 06:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25)
- **Tuesday, 07:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44)
- **Wednesday, 08:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52)
- **Thursday, 09:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Lk 4:14-22)
- **Friday, 10:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16)
- **Saturday, 11:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30)
- **Sunday 12:** The Baptism of the Lord (Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17)

### PASTORAL CARE

If you (or someone you know) is house-bound, in hospital or in residential care and would appreciate a visit from a Priest or someone from the Parish, please let us know.  
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Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).