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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:

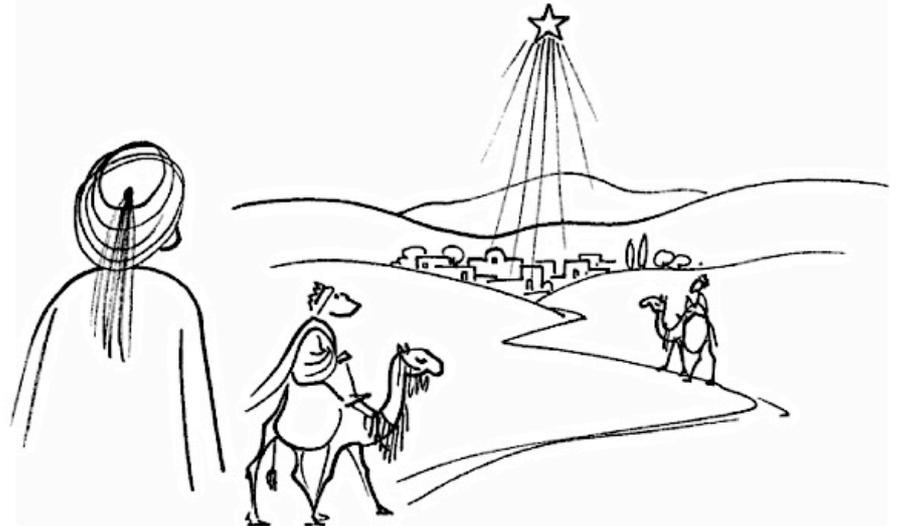
St Columba's Anglican Church,
Cnr North Terrace and Fourth Street
1st Sunday - 3.15pm

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.

1st (Support of the Priests of the Archdiocese) **\$149.85**

2nd (Upkeep of our parish programs & property) **\$167.00**

Aboriginal Catholic mission **\$365.00**

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

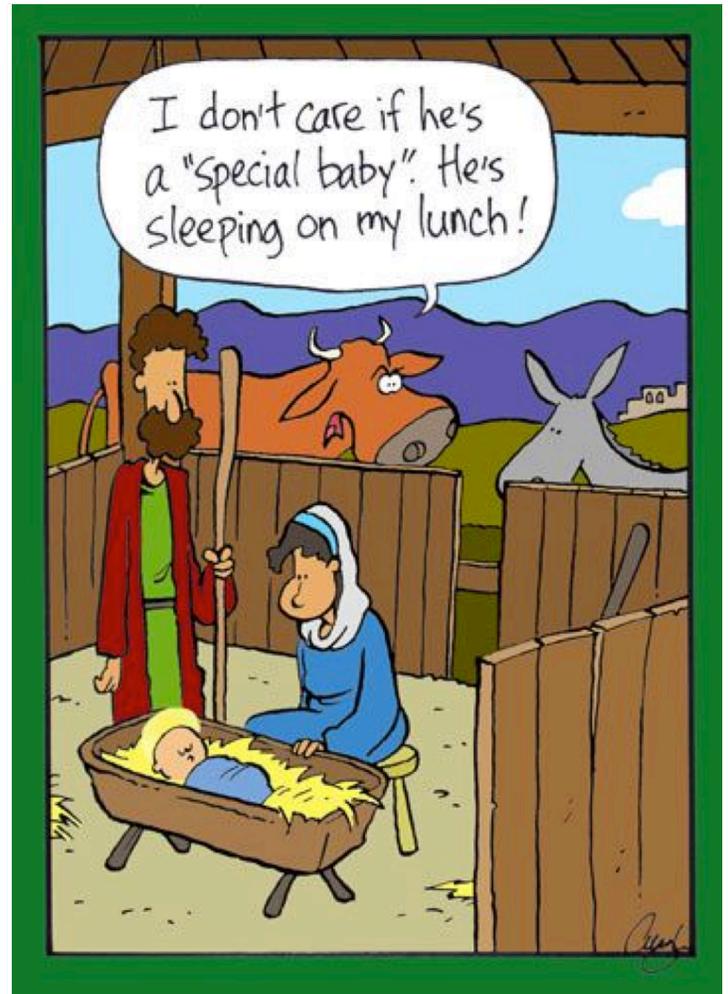
Eunice Airton, Eileen Bateman, Dorothy Brook, Monica Buick, May Cairney, Dominic Cash, Marlene Cummins, Pauline Deegan, Jim Dodgson, Lucy Edwards, Colin Fahey, Margaret Flemming, Ralph Florance, Catherine Glynn, Alec Goodwin, Edward Hughes, Ida Jackson, Christina James, Jack Kindellan, Ettie McDonald, 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 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
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

**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
1st Sunday 11am (Spanish Mass)
2nd 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
1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 10.30am
2nd, 4th Sundays 8.30am
1st Friday
11.50am Adoration, 12.00 noon Mass

PENNESHAW

*St Columba, North Terrace
(shared with Anglicans)*
1st 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
1st Friday Benediction following Mass

WILLUNGA

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.

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 (1Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52)
- **Thursday, 09:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Lk 4:14-22)
- **Friday, 10:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16)
- **Saturday, 11:** Weekday of Christmas Time (1Jn 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.
Contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552),
Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).