



Welcome to

# Kangaroo Island Catholic Community

(Part of the Adelaide Cathedral Parish)

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR B**

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### PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

## CHILD PROTECTION

We are a Child Safe Organisation  
which is committed to the care, well-  
being and protection of children and  
young people.

Mrs Helen Mumford

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## 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.*

## 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

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# Bulletin Board

## PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Sue Semler, Brianna Chudlee, Peter Weatherstone, John Slagter, John Berden

**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

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
7/1	M Glynn	K Hammat	C Brinkley
14/1	M Slagter	A Clark	C Brinkley
21/1	K Hammat	P Bennett	C Brinkley
28/1	A Clark	H Mumford	A Clark

## PRIEST ROSTER

*(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)*

TBA

## 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.

1st Collection:  
BSB 085 005  
A/c No 585353994  
Reference: K Island or 765

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Thank you for your ongoing support of our priests and parish facilities.

## EPIPHANY

At the time of Jesus' birth, it was commonly believed that a new star would appear whenever a new ruler was born. The Father in Heaven used this belief to honor His Son Who was born as the new King. The three Magi from the East were astrologers. When they saw this "new star," they chose to follow it to discover the new King. Creation itself, in the form of a star, pointed the way, thus giving glory to the newborn King, manifesting Him to the whole world as symbolized by the Magi.

The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation." Therefore, as we honor this moment in time when the Christ Child was made manifest to the world, we need to look into our own hearts. There, we discover Christ's ongoing manifestation to us so that we can worship Him Who has also chosen to be born within our hearts. We must diligently seek out that manifestation of God within us and respond to it in the same ways that the Magi responded.

First of all, the Magi were determined. When they saw a sign from the heavens that pointed to a new King, they stopped everything and departed in haste to find Him. When God speaks to you and manifests Himself to you in some way, nothing could be more important than to be attentive to His voice and follow His manifestation with the same haste.

The Magi brought the Christ Child gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. God was honored and glorified through His creation by the giving of these gifts. God created gold to manifest His beauty and dignity. It was a gift that symbolized kingship. When we ponder the natural gift of gold given to the Christ Child, we are inspired to give Him our own gift of symbolic gold by prayerfully acknowledging Him as our own King to whom we pledge our complete submission.

Made from the sap of trees found in India, northeastern Africa, and the Arabian peninsula, frankincense and

myrrh are also fruits of God's creation. Used in worship to symbolize prayers rising to heaven, frankincense symbolizes the Christ Child's divinity.

We offer frankincense to Christ when we acknowledge His divine nature, since He is God in the flesh. Often used in burial, myrrh honors the Christ Child Who came to give His life as a sacrifice for many. We offer myrrh to profess our belief in the saving power of Christ's death on the Cross and our need for that gift of salvation.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, try to see it as a historical event in which you are invited to share. God wants to manifest Himself to you today. When this happens, you must respond with faith and worship, giving God the greatest glory by giving Him your very life and offering Him your spiritual gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

*From My Catholic.life*

## DATES

- 29 Jan First day, School term 1
- 14 Feb Ash Wednesday
- 18 Feb 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent
- 25 Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent
- 3 Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent
- 10 Mar 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent
- 17 Mar 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent
- 18 Mar St Patrick's Day
- 24 Mar Palm Sunday of the Passion
- 28 Mar Thursday of Lord's supper
- 29 Mar Friday of Passion of the Lord
- 30 Mar Holy Saturday
- 31 Mar Sunday of the Resurrection
- 12 Apr Last day School term 1
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 29 Apr First day School term 2



**REGIONAL ASSEMBLY - "OUR CHURCH"**  
9 March, Cardijn College - 9.30am until 4.30pm  
Register at: [www.trybooking.com/CNDKK](http://www.trybooking.com/CNDKK)





## 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 2023

There are thousands of new books published each year and they join the millions that are already in print. And so, a book has to find you as much as you have to find it. Also, it is said that the book you need to read finds you at just that time when you most need to read it. With this as a background, let me list the top ten books that found me in 2023 at an apropos time.

#### In the area of spirituality ...

• **Tomas Halik's**, *Touch the Wounds – On Suffering, Trust, & Transformation*, takes the biblical image of Jesus inviting the apostle Thomas to touch his wounds so as to overcome his weak faith and universalizes it as an invitation for each of us. Are you having faith doubts? Reach out and touch those places where Christ is still wounded in our world.

• **Karl Rahner**, *Servants of the Lord*. This book is more than fifty years old but is worth reading and rereading. It's in one of the essays in this book that Rahner offers us his famous maxim: *In the torment of the insufficiency of everything attainable we learn that ultimately in this life there is no finished symphony.*

• **Bill Cain**, *The Book of Cain*. This is a very personal book written by a man, a Jesuit, who keeps a journal while he is keeping vigil with his mother as she is dying of a terminal disease. The book is full of poignant reflections on life, love, imperfection, and letting go.

• **Ben McBride**, *Troubling the Water – The Urgent Work of Radical Belonging*. This is the book on social justice that I most recommend this year. McBride works among the poor in Oakland, California, and beyond some of his practical recommendations as to how each of us might become more involved in justice work, the great strength of this book is what he invites us to in terms of heart and attitude while working for justice. He puts some practical skin on what this means in terms of working with a community as opposed to being a lone ranger, and on how to sustain yourself for the long

haul and remain empathic in the face of opposition and hatred.

• **Connie Zweig's**, *The Inner Work of Age – Shifting from Role to Soul*, is an excellent book on aging. Her subtitle says it well; the task in aging is to shift from role to soul. The book makes some valuable suggestions on how this is done.

• **Kim Colella**, *Spirit Embraced, AS A Guiding Memoir for a Life Authentic*. This is a very personal book, a memoir, which traces out her own journey in life. How does someone mature? We each have our own path, but Colella shares the path she took and there is much we can learn from reading her story. I'm also proud to say that she is a former student of mine.

#### In the more academic realm ...

• **Brian Swimme**, *Cosmogogenesis, An Unveiling of the Expanding Universe*. Leaning on great theological thinkers (such as Pierre Teilhard de Chardin and Thomas Berry) Swimme (who is a scientist) proposes a vision that incorporates how our universe began, how it is bent in terms of its ongoing evolution, and how all of this is meant to all end up in a powerful vision of hope. Contemporary astrophysics and the Bible can befriend each other. Brian Swimme will give you that link.

• **Philip Sheldrake**, *Julian of Norwich: In God's Sight – Her Theology in Context*. The book is somewhat heavy academically, but it is a first-rate textbook on Julian of Norwich.

• **Lisabeth During**, *The Chastity Plot*. This is a brilliant (and basically very fair) history of the concept of chastity within Western culture. From its ascetic roots in Christianity, through its social roots in the centuries of arranged marriages in which women were often the victims of patriarchy, through its romantic roots in Victorian England, this book highlights the various nuances and modalities of chastity – and leaves us with the question, *Can anyone today say the word purity without a cringe?*

#### Novels ...

2023 was not a good year for me in terms of reading novels. Although I read

a number of novels, all of which had received good reviews, only one of them stood out for me, Barbara Kingsolver's, *Unsheltered*.

#### Special mention ...

The renowned scripture scholar Raymond E. Brown wrote monumental works on both the birth and the death of Jesus. The editors at *Worship*, recognizing that these great commentaries would be inaccessible to most everyone outside of an academic classroom, invited him to condense these into a series of short, popular booklets. Brown did this brilliantly and has left us five short popular books (all by *Liturgical Press*) that contain his deep insights.

- *Coming Christ in Advent*
- *An Adult Christ at Christmas*
- *A Crucified Christ in Holy Week, Essays on the Four Passion Narratives,*
- *A Risen Christ at Eastertime*
- *A Once and Coming Spirit at Pentecost*

They are a treasure, worth rereading every year during their proper season.

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



Jet fighter pilot on holiday

## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 04/01/2024)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home until you have fully recovered.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are also requested to stay home.
- Hand sanitiser is available at Church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands.

### 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.

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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.

### A SHIRT OF FLAME

Heather King wrote a book "Shirt of Flame, A Year with Saint Therese of Lisieux". The title of the book is borrowed from T. S. Eliot's, Four Quartets, where he famously suggests that Love itself, God, is behind the torment we often feel in our fiery desires and that the burning we feel there is an "intolerable shirt of flame."

In the book, King tells of a famous incident in Therese's life when as a little girl, asked by her older sister who presented her with a velvet sewing-basket full of colour balls, to pick one thing from a basket, Therese said: "I choose all!" and took the entire basket and walked away.

King reflects upon her own struggle, as Kierkegaard said, to will the one thing: Here's the parallel she draws to her own life: "I choose all!" said Therese, and the further I progressed, the more I saw that the human dilemma is to want it all. I wanted to

be celibate, and I wanted wantonly to give myself to a spouse, I wanted dark secrets, noise, lights, mania, and the stimulation of a city, and I wanted to plant a garden, tend animals, and live on a farm. I wanted to live in the same place all my life, and I wanted to travel every inch of the globe before I died. I wanted to sit utterly still, and I was also driven to be constantly on the move. I wanted to be hidden and anonymous, and I wanted to be famous. I wanted to be close to my family, and I wanted to leave my family behind. I wanted to devote my life to activism, and I wanted to devote my life to contemplation. I wanted to give everything to God, and I didn't know how! I longed to give my undivided self, and I couldn't!"

If you are struggling with faith, with brokenness in your life, with an obsession, with an addiction, with a gnawing sense that your life is not what it should be, with the sense of being the outsider, an orphan at all the banquets of life, and, most of all, with the sense you don't love Jesus and he doesn't love you either, that you are nothing, then read this book. It's a book for those who think they might be too sick to be helped by a doctor.

Ronald Rolheiser

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(8 - 14 January)

- **Monday, 8:** The Baptism of the Lord (Is 55:1-11; Mk 1:7-11)
- **Tuesday, 9:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28)
- **Wednesday, 10:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39)
- **Thursday, 11:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45)
- **Friday, 12:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22; Mk 2:1-12)
- **Saturday, 13:** Weekday, Ord Time 1 (1 Sam 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mk 2:13-17)
- **Sunday 14:** SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (1Sam 3:3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42)

### PASTORAL CARE

If you need a priest for anointing prior to medical treatment, or if you are ill (not necessarily life-threatening) or for last rites please contact: (08) 8210 8155 or in an emergency 0417 080 955