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received no later than Tuesday
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CHILD PROTECTION

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

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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

Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses and said,
‘Say this to Aaron and his sons:
“This is how you are to bless the
sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep
you.
May the Lord let his face shine on
you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord uncover his face and
bring you peace.”

This is how they are to call down
my name on the sons of Israel, and I
will bless them.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 66:2-3, 5, 6, 8

May God bless us in his mercy.

SECOND READING

Galatians 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God
sent his Son, born of a woman, born
a subject of the Law, to redeem the
subjects of the Law and to enable us
to be adopted as sons. The proof that
you are sons is that God has sent the
Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the
Spirit that cries, ‘Abba, Father’, and
it is this that makes you a son, you

are not a slave any more; and if God
has made you son, then he has made
you heir.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Heb 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!

*In the past, God spoke to our
ancestors through the prophets; now
he speaks to us through his Son.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds hurried away to
Bethlehem and found Mary and
Joseph, and the baby lying in the
manger. When they saw the child
they repeated what they had been
told about him, and everyone who
heard it was astonished at what the
shepherds had to say. As for Mary,
she treasured all these things and
pondered them in her heart. And the
shepherds went back glorifying and
praising God for all they had heard
and seen; it was exactly as they had
been told.

When the eighth day came and the
child was to be circumcised, they
gave him the name Jesus, the name
the angel had given him before his
conception.

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Bulletin Board

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Reg Willson, Stephanie Langridge, Carmen Northcott, Joella Davidson

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 all our sick parishioners, relatives and friends.

VALE SR CARMEL

After a long illness, *Sr Carmel Clark* died on December 27. She will be remembered most fondly by many of our parishioners for the loving service she gave to our community, when she lived on Kangaroo Island. Her cousin Peter will share a final message from her at Mass this Sunday.

PARISH ROSTERS

	Comm	Reader	Cleaning
1/1	K Hammat	A Gibbs	A Bevan
8/1	M Slagter	A Clark	K Brinkley
15/1	S Semmler	P Bennett	K Brinkley
22/1	M Glynn	L Grant	H Mumford

PRIEST ROSTER

(Often this roster changes if something unforeseen crops up)

1/1/23 Two priests and a deacon
8/1/23 Fr Anthoni Adimai



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

2nd Collection:
BSB 085 005
A/c No 918111484
Reference: Your name

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER ON THE FEAST OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

As we celebrate Mary this January 1, we can pray with Pope Francis, who ended his recent exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), with the following prayer:

“Mary, Virgin and Mother, you who, moved by the Holy Spirit, welcomed the Word of Life in the depths of your humble Faith: As you gave yourself completely to the Eternal One, help us to say our own "Yes" to the urgent call, as pressing as ever, to proclaim the Good News of Jesus.

Filled with Christ's presence, you brought joy to John the Baptist, making him exult in the womb of his mother. Brimming over with joy, you sang of the great things done by God. Standing at the foot of the cross with unyielding Faith, you received the joyful comfort of the Resurrection and joined the disciples in awaiting the Spirit, so that the evangelizing Church might be born.

Obtain for us now a new ardor born of the Resurrection that we may bring to all the Gospel of life, which triumphs over death. Give us a holy courage to seek new paths, that the gift of unfading beauty may reach every man and woman.

Virgin of listening and contemplation, Mother of love, Bride of the eternal wedding feast, pray for the Church, whose pure icon you are, that she may never be closed in on herself or lose her passion for establishing God's Kingdom.

Star of the New Evangelization, help us to bear radiant witness to communion, service, ardent and generous Faith, Justice and love of the poor, that the joy of the Gospel may reach to the ends of the earth, illuminating even the fringes of our world.

Mother of the living Gospel, wellspring of happiness for God's little ones, pray for us.

(Fr Antony Kadavil)

DATES

- 1 Jan New Year's Day
- 2 Jan New Year's Day holiday
- 22 Jan Lunar New Year (Chinese Year of the Rabbit)
- 26 Jan Australia Day holiday
- 30 Jan First school day - 2023
- 16 Feb KI Racing Carnival
- 22 Feb Ash Wednesday
- 26 Feb First Sunday of Lent
- 13 Mar Adelaide Cup Day
- 14 Apr Last day School term 1
- 6 Apr Thursday of Lord's supper
- 7 Apr Good Friday
- 8 Apr Holy Saturday
- 9 Apr Easter Sunday
- 10 Apr Easter Monday
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day
- 1 May First day School term 2
- 12 Jun King's birthday
- 7 Jul Last day School term 2
- 24 Jul First day School term 3
- 29 Sep Last day School term 3
- 2 Oct Labour Day
- 16 Oct First day School term 4
- 15 Dec Last day School term 4





Ron Rolheiser column

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MY TOP 10 BOOKS FOR 2022

The book you need to read finds you, and finds you at that time in your life when you need to read it. I believe that old axiom, and offer it here as an apologia for my selection of books for 2022. Good art and good literature always have an objective element to them, a depth and an aesthetic that are not contingent on the eye of the beholder, but an old axiom also asserts that *whatever is received is received according to the mode of the receiver.* Hence, there is always a subjective element in how we judge or evaluate anything. All of this to say that these are the ten books that most spoke to me during this past year. Their practical claim to my top ten list is that they found me and spoke to me.

In the area of spirituality, both in its restricted and its wider sense, I found these books particularly meaningful.

- Jim Forest, *At Play in the Lion's Den, A Biography of Daniel Berrigan*. A well-written biography of Daniel Berrigan by a man who knew him well, supported all his causes, went to prison with him, but still kept a critical distance from him.
- Robert Ellsberg, *Dearest Sister Wendy, A Surprising Story of Faith and Friendship*. A delightful, warm, touching, intimate book, sharing some of the letters between the renowned art critic Wendy Beckett (who died in 2018), and Robert Ellsberg the publisher of Orbis Press. Their conversations touch on all points religious.
- Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda, *The Shepherd Who Didn't Run, Blessed Stanley Rother, Martyr from Oklahoma*. A very good biography of Stanley Rother's path to becoming a prophet and a martyr for the poor. Hagiography for today.
- Sherry Turkle, *The Empathy Diaries*. Sherry Turkle is a first-rate scientist and penetrating writer of

soul. This is essentially an autobiography, but in sorting herself out, she helps us to do the same thing. The title of the book bespeaks its thesis.

- Amia Srinivasan, *The Right to Sex – Feminism in the Twenty-First Century*. A strong book that takes no prisoners. I don't always agree with her on some major points, but she asks the right questions and answers many of them in a way that falls between the ideologies of both the right and the left.
- Jane Goodall & Douglas Abrams, *The Book of Hope, A Survival Guide for Trying Times*. Just the name, Jane Goodall, says why this book should be read. Abrams adds his own color, including the assertion that creating the human species may be the biggest mistake evolution ever made.
- Roosevelt Montas, *Rescuing Socrates – How The Great Books Changed My Life and Why They Matter For A New Generation*. This is a powerful apologia for liberal education, akin to John Henry Nouwen's, *The Idea of a University*, save that Newman didn't have to deal with the many hyper-sensitive contemporary critiques of classic Western thinkers.

Among the novels I read, three stand out.

- Sally Rooney, *Beautiful World, Where Are You*. Set in post-modern and (mostly) post-Roman Catholic Ireland, this novel chronicles the conversations (emails and texts) between two young, emotionally sensitive women. They are trying to make sense of their lives and of the times against the backdrop of a cultural Catholicism that still helps define who they are and a set of friends and a workplace that would define them in a new way. What comes after one lets go of an explicit faith, but is still struggling with an inchoate one?
- Valerie Perrin, *Fresh Water for*

Flowers. A translation from French, this is a masterpiece, a work of art, a beautiful painting. Nothing much happens in this story, except that it is beautiful.

- Jeanine Cummins, *American Dirt*. Cummins received a lot of negative reaction to this book, not because it isn't a well-written, gripping story, but because she, its author, is not Hispanic and thus her writing "someone else's story" is considered by some to be both patronizing and a certain act of theft. Be that as it may, this is a gripping story of a mother and her young son facing death in Central America and fleeing for the USA border.

That's ten, but there's an honorable mention:

- Joyce Aitken, *Sincere Condolences – What to Say When You Don't Know What to Say*. Aitken lost her husband to suicide and found that, in its wake, many people found it awkward to talk to her about it, even though that is exactly what she, in her grief, needed. The book is insightful and practical. Don't we all find ourselves in situations that leave us awkward, not knowing what to say? As well, commenting on her inability to prevent her own husband's suicide, she adds a line that needs to be heard by anyone who has ever lost a loved one to suicide: *The Will to save a life does not constitute the Power to prevent a death.*

These are my favorite ten books for 2022.

Ronald Rolheiser

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

COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 28/12/22)



- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please follow the instructions as per SA Health in terms of contact tracing and isolating yourself as per government health protocols. Please stay home and do not attend church services until you have fully recovered.
- Wearing of face-masks in Church is strongly recommended.
- Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home and not attend services.
- Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances.
- Communion is given only in hands. Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches.
- Procession of gifts has resumed.
- Collection plates are to be passed around with minimum contact

SMILING CHILD AND HIS MOTHER

There is a beautiful little story about a long, tedious train journey, made one Christmas day by some elderly residents of a nursing home who were on their way to a vacation spot.

At one station, a young mother with a small child entered the train. The child smiled at all the grim faces around him and began moving from one lap to another talking, shouting with joy and chatting with every one. Instantly, the grim and silent atmosphere in the train was changed to one of joy and happiness.

Today we remember with joy and gratitude how Mary and her Divine Son Jesus transformed a hopeless, joyless and sinful world into a place of joy and happiness.

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EVERY LIFE

Every life is a wonderful story worthy of being told.

Every life is a work of art, and if it does not seem so, perhaps it is only necessary to illuminate the room that contains it.

The secret is never to lose faith, to have confidence in God's plan for us, revealed in the signs with which [we are shown] the way.

If you learn to listen you will find that each life speaks to us of love, Because love is the key to everything, the engine of the world.

Love is the secret energy behind every note I sing.

Never forget that there's no such thing as happenstance.

That is an illusion lawless and arrogant [people] invented so that they can sacrifice the truth of our world to the laws of reason.

*Andrea Bocelli (2017)
"The music of silence"
A film by Michael Radford*

WHY DID JESUS GIVE US HIS MOTHER?

Jesus gave us his Mother so that she would be the Mother of all humanity. After having considered the role of the Virgin Mary in the mystery of Christ and the Spirit, we should think about her role in the mystery of the Church. We know that the Virgin Mary is the Mother of Jesus Christ and, consequently, the Mother of God. But she is also the Mother of the Church, which is the Body of Christ. Because of this, the mission of Mary is totally inseparable from the mission of the Church. And it should be clearly stated that the role of Mary, as Mother of all humanity, in no way eclipses or diminishes Christ. On the contrary, her role can only help to clarify Christ's role. This is one of the reasons God decided to share his Mother with us.

Many non-Catholic Christians really don't pay much attention at all to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We Catholics, on the other hand, recognise her as the Queen of Heaven and Earth. We know that Jesus took her up to Heaven, body and soul, as soon as her earthly

mission was over. This is the Dogma of the Assumption, defined by the Church with an infallible papal definition. It makes sense that the woman who bore God in her womb should be borne by God into Heaven and not left in a grave to turn back into dust. In fact, in the Old Testament, the Queen of the Kingdom of Israel was always the Queen Mother. One of King Solomon's first acts when his father David gave him the throne was to raise his mother Bathsheba to his side, to be the royal Queen - a mini-Assumption. There was a practical reason for this tradition: Old Testament Kings used to marry more than one wife, but the King had only one Mother, so she became Queen. But there was also a deeper, prophetic meaning at work. God was already planning to send the Messiah through a Virgin, to involve a Mother intimately in the Redemption, just as a mother (Eve) had been involved intimately in the Fall (original sin). God did it that way on purpose. God gives his Mother a special place in the ongoing history of salvation because He wants to tell us something about His love for us. His love is faithful, strong and indestructible, because He is our Father. But it is also gentle, patient, and ever-present, always watching over us - like a Mother. Mary, our heavenly Queen and spiritual Mother, reminds us of this. *(E-Priest)*

WEEKDAY READINGS

(02 - 08 January)

- **Monday, 02:** Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen (1 Jn 2:22-28 ; Jn 1:19-28)
- **Tuesday, 03:** Tuesday before Epiphany (1 Jn 2:29 - 3:6; Jn 1:29-34)
- **Wednesday, 04:** Wednesday before Epiphany (1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42)
- **Thursday, 05:** Thursday before Epiphany (1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51)
- **Friday, 06:** Friday before Epiphany (1 Jn 5:5-13 ; Mk 1:6-11)
- **Saturday, 07:** Saturday before Epiphany (1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11)
- **Sunday 08:** The EPIPHANY of the LORD (Is 60:1-6 ; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12)

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