

St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish

Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church

In the care of Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC)



Sunday 10th December, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

FROM THE PASTOR

JERUSALEM, THE TROUBLED CITY OF PEACE

President Donald Trump this week announced that the United States would relocate the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, a process that will take three years in which time an embassy will be built. The reaction, however, has begun immediately. World leaders have stated that such a move will impede the peace process or worse, and Palestinians on the streets are calling for another intifada (uprising). Violent clashes have already begun in Bethlehem and Ramallah between Israeli defence forces and Palestinians. The announcement is a declaration and recognition that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel. However, it is the view of the U.N. that the status of Jerusalem must be the end process of a negotiated peace settlement. The EU foreign policy chief, Federica Mogherini, said the bloc had a united position that Jerusalem must be the capital of both Israel and a future Palestinian state. France said it rejected the “unilateral” US decision, while the UK prime minister, Theresa May, and the foreign secretary, Boris Johnson, both described Trump’s announcement as “unhelpful”.

The name Jerusalem comes from the root S-L-M, from which the Arabic and Hebrew words Salaam and Shalom are derived, both of which mean “Peace”. There is something of an irony in this, being the most fought-over city on earth. Archaeological evidence suggests that the first settlement was established near Gihon Spring between 4500–3500 BC, and the first known mention of the city was in ca. 2000 BC in Egyptian texts in which the city was recorded as *Rusalimum*. The Scriptural history of Jerusalem begins when Abraham meets “Melek Tzedek”, (our scriptures spell his name Melchizedek), king of Salem - around 2110 BC (Genesis 14:17-20).

The first establishment of Jerusalem as a Jewish possession was when the city was captured from the Canaanites by the Israelite King David around 1000 BC, who made it his capital. As the site of the Temple, built by Solomon in 957 BC, it became the centre of the Jewish religion. Since then it has shared the troubled history of the area. Jerusalem was totally destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 BC and by the Romans in AD 70. Total destruction by the conquerors ensured that the vanquished nation dispersed and had no central place where they could regroup and reclaim a rebellious national identity.

FROM THE PASTOR

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The modern-day Palestinians are the descendants of the original Canaanites, Jebusites, Philistines and other tribes. They are both Christian and Muslim. The Muslims claim also to have Abraham as their original father in faith, and for this reason they claim the Dome of the Rock as their sacred site. This Dome of the Rock stands on the same site on which the Jewish First Temple (destroyed by the Babylonians) and Second Temple (destroyed by the Romans) stood. It was on this site, which is also called Mount Moriah, that Abraham offered his son, Isaac, in sacrifice to God. God liberated Isaac and Abraham offered a ram instead. (Gen 22:1-18). This obedience by Abraham was the beginning of the Covenant God made with Abraham and his descendants.

For Christians the city is sacred for it is the place where Jesus was crucified, died, was buried and rose from the dead, and subsequently appeared to the disciples in the upper room of the Last Supper, as well as other places (Jn 18:1-20:29).

It has been fought over by Saracens and Crusaders in the Middle Ages. Between the 16th century and the First World War Jerusalem was part of the Ottoman Empire. From 1947 the city was divided between the states of Israel and Jordan until the Israelis occupied the whole city in June 1967. All in all, during its long history, Jerusalem has been attacked 52 times, captured and recaptured 44 times, besieged 23 times, and utterly destroyed twice.

With differing claims on the right of possession of the City of Peace, a new way must be found for the future. Peace is never possible while one group of people remains disenfranchised, displaced and disempowered. After thousands of years of conflict, a peaceful solution can only be found with compromise and respect for the other. Pope JP II proposed that such a solution might be found in all parties recognising Jerusalem as an international city, hosting both Jews and Palestinians. This is the wiser proposal, for a zero-sum contest will inevitably sow the seed for further conflict. May the infant Prince of Peace bring a new peace to birth in that troubled land.

In the Peace of Christ
Fr Mark MSC



PARISH NOTICES

CHRISTMAS MASS TIME 2017

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Tuesday 12th December 7:00pm,
At St John's Glenorchy

Mass of Contemplation

Friday 22nd December 7:00pm

Saturday 23rd December 6:30pm (Vigil)

Sunday 24th December 9:00am
10:45am (Polish)
4:30pm

NO MASS

Children's Vigil Mass 6:30pm
9:00pm
Midnight (Polish)

Monday 25th December 9:00am
10:45am

RECONCILIATION—2nd RITE

St Therese's Parishioners are invited to join with St John's Parishioners at Glenorchy for a combined liturgy.

St John's children will also be receiving the sacrament of their First Reconciliation. **TUESDAY, 12th DECEMBER at 7:00pm at St John's Glenorchy.**

CONGRATULATIONS

To our parish children who received the sacrament of First Reconciliation on Thursday evening: Charlie Jones, Tobiasz Kozlowski, Clair Narlely, Hser Gay Paw, Heidi Stringer. This is the first sacrament they have received since baptism.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATION THEME

The theme for this year is "stars". If you have stars that you have made, or wish to purchase, or donate, please bring them along before Sunday, 17th December, as the church will be decorated after the 4:30pm Mass.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS

The Parish invites your family members and friends with children to bring them to the Christmas Vigil Children's Mass dressed as Angels, Shepherds, Stars, Sheep etc. If an adult has the ability to organise and choreograph a nativity play in Mass, that would be superb. Please speak to Fr Mark or Deacon Michael.

ACYF FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

Last chance this Weekend to purchase a raffle ticket to support our pilgrim going to ACYF. Tickets will be \$1 each or 3 for \$2, available at each Mass and drawn at 4:30pm Mass this Sunday 10th December. We have four prizes. 1st Prize 2018 Season Ticket for Playhouse Theatre; 2nd & 3rd Prize Crochet Rugs & 4th Prize Family Pool Pass Hobart Aquatic Centre.

CHRISTMAS CHRONICLE 2017

Our Christmas Chronicle will be published ready for all to enjoy again this year. If you would like to contribute articles, short stories, Christmas Recipes or anything you consider may be of interest to our parishioners please email or give copy to Deacon Michael Hangan: moonahlutana@aohtas.org.au or Monica Sianski: esianski@bigpond.com.

ST THERESE'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

St Therese's Catholic School has organised a Christmas Giving Tree, where a tag can be taken from the Giving Christmas Tree in the Church foyer and then the gift listed (e.g. Girl 5 years, or food item) can be purchased, wrapped and **returned to the basket in the Church foyer**. Additional food items (unwrapped) can be provided and placed into the basket as well. All donations will be distributed prior to Christmas.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & ROSARY

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Friday after the 12 noon Mass until 5:00pm. The Rosary is prayed between 4:00pm - 5:00pm in the Chapel in the Parish Centre.

VINNIES 2016 CHRISTMAS APPEAL PARISH COLLECTION WEEKEND

This appeal will be held on **This weekend**. The Vinnies Christmas Appeal makes a real difference to the lives of the thousands of Tasmanians who are assisted each year. The Vinnies Christmas Appeal helps so many people, and your support for the 2017 Christmas Appeal Weekend Collection will assist many. Donations may be placed in the appeal envelopes located on the pews, which the parish will then forward on to Vinnies' office for receipting. Once again thank you.

VOLUNTEER MINISTERIES

With the holiday period over December/January the rosters for Communion Ministers and Lectors will not be operating. Volunteers are sought during this time. If you would like to assist the Parish during this time please add your names to the sheets located in the foyer.

PARISH MEMORIAL BOOK

Our Parish Memorial Book is about to be updated. Please forward the names of family members whom you would like included, to Deacon Michael, before 21st December.

JOSEPHITE CALENDARS

A number of copies of the 2018 Josephite Calendar have arrived. The cost per calendar is \$8.50.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

The Moonah Mission Shop has a number of copies of the 2018 Columban Calendars for sale. The cost per calendar is \$11.00.

PARISH HELP WANTED

The Parish is looking for volunteer assistance to help with the gardening of the parish gardens. This could be of interest to a single person or a group of people. Let's keep our Parish Church beautiful and it's gardens free from weeds. All you need to do is come along when it suits. The areas in need are the Church, Parish Centre and Presbytery surrounds.

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

You are invited to join a group of like-minded people, who are thinking about becoming Catholic. We meet most Thursday evenings in the Chapel in the Parish Centre at 7:00pm. If you are interested please see Fr Mark.

L'ARCHE AUSTRALIA "SHARE A MEAL"

L'Arche Australia's main fundraising event is 'Share a Meal'. This is a wonderful exciting opportunity to support L'Arche. As a community we will be hosting a "Share a Meal" for L'Arche Australia in August 2018. If you are able to assist with the planning of this event please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the church foyer.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Hobart invites you to attend the inaugural

Carols on the Hill

Sunday 17 December
Guilford Young College Oval
Patrick Street, Hobart
7-9.00pm

To reserve your tickets, go to www.eventbrite.com.au and enter 'Carols on the Hill' as your search criteria or scan the QR code.



CAROLS ON THE HILL - 17 DECEMBER
2017 - GYC OVAL BARRACK ST, HOBART

Tickets for the inaugural Archdiocese of Hobart's Carols on the Hill are now available to order online. Supported by the City of Hobart, Carols on the Hill is a free, traditional outdoor carols event specifically designed for families to share in the joyful spirit of Christmas. The event will be staged at the Hobart campus of Guilford Young College on Sunday, December 17 from 7pm to 9pm, with gates opening at 6pm. The oval is secure and can comfortably hold around 1200 people, making it an ideal venue for families with children. Compered by Tasmanian-born speaker and author Sam Clear, Carols on the Hill will feature local group and individual performances, as well as community carol singing. The lighting of candles as dusk descends on the city is sure to make for a memorable carols event. The Catholic Education Giving Tree will offer people the opportunity to donate non-perishable food items to support those in need this Christmas, and families are invited to light a candle and say a prayer at the nativity scene. **How to order your tickets:** Entry to Carols on the Hill is free; however, attendees must order tickets through an official website. A valid email address is required to order tickets.

- Individuals can order up to a maximum of six (6) tickets.
- A single general admission ticket must be reserved for each & every attendee (adults & children).
- Tickets are free. There are no costs involved when ordering tickets.
- You can choose to receive tickets by email that require printing, or electronic tickets delivered to your smart phone or tablet.
- Tickets are available once you accept the event Terms & Conditions on the ticketing website.

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SIMBANG GABI.

It's the Annual Filipino-Australian Tradition of praising Jesus during the Month of December; which starts with the Eucharistic Mass, Christmas Songs and then Christmas Party Dinner. It will be held at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Bridgewater-Brighton Parish, 23rd December at 7:00 PM Everybody is welcome for this celebration.

THE WAY TO ST JAMES (CYGNET)
THE CAMINO OF THE SOUTH

After the successful pilgrimage in 2017, it is announced that the 2018 pilgrimage will be held on 12-13 January 2018. Inspired by the famous Spanish El Camino of St James this two day pilgrim walk will take you through the scenic and peaceful Huon Valley to a celebration at the Spanish mission styled Church of St James, nestled in the heart of Cygnet. Through fellowship, reflection, rejoicing and ritual you will find an opportunity to reconnect with the spiritual dimensions of your life. To find out more or to book visit www.waytostjames.com.au or take a flyer from the church foyer.

IMMACULATA MISSION SCHOOL

1st-10th Jan 2018, HOBART, Tasmania "To know God, to love God, to make God known"

What? An awesome opportunity to grow in faith & fellowship! Featuring talks on the faith, daily Mass, fellowship, prayer times and lots of fun. **Who?** 15-35 year old
Where? Jane Franklin Hall, South Hobart, Tasmania **Cost:** \$410 (all-inclusive of accommodation, meals & activities).

Contact: 0406 372 608 or

immaculatamissionschool@gmail.com

To register or for more info:

<http://sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims-2018>.

NEW TESTAMENT GREEK COURSE

Dr David Daintree of the Christopher Dawson Centre, in association with the Verbum Domini Institute, will offer an intensive course in the *koine* Greek of the New Testament. **Where:** Diocesan Centre, 35 Tower Rd, New Town. **When:** 29 Jan-2 Feb., 9am-3pm daily. **Cost:** \$100 plus textbook (pensioner concession available).

Registrations and information:

Dr Christine Wood, 6208-6236 or christine.wood@aohtas.org.au.

GRIEF TO GRACE - HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABUSE

This is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th – 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Rachel's Vineyard has helped many men and women to move on with hope. You are not alone, there is hope after an abortion experience. To speak to someone please call Anne on the confidential phone lines 03 62298739 or 0478599241.

ST THERESE'S CATHOLIC TENNIS CLUB

St Therese's Catholic Tennis Club continues to enjoy tennis at the Domain Tennis Centre each Tuesday and Friday morning, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon and on the fourth Sunday of the month (afternoon). Contact Ros Williams on 0407 838 367.

STEWARDSHIP

“Prepare the way of the Lord...” - **MARK 1:3**

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that – it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 1,307.55
Loose:	\$ 840.65
TOTAL:	\$2,148.20
<u>Week's Budget:</u>	<u>\$ 2,368.00</u>
Deficit:	\$ 219.80

LOOKING FOR HOUSE TO RENT

Young reliable couple, practising Catholics, non-smokers, no pets, seeking to rent a house or flat in the Moonah area from 26 December. References available. Contact 0426 496 864 if you can help. (Max \$220 pw).

Advertisement

VOTE **1** for ALDERMAN

Michael Hangan

wants transparency and accountability
at Glenorchy City Council.

- ✓ Is a resident of Glenorchy;
- ✓ Has 20 years experience in Local Government;
- ✓ Is a Father of 4 Children; and
- ✓ Is focused on the Community.

TEAM KRISTIE

"A team of independent candidates united by common values, to give the community their voice back and to see Council put the community's best interest first."

Authorised by Michael Hangan
19 Atherton Avenue, WEST MOONAH 7009

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

*Tara Radcliffe, Thanh Huynh,
Shirley Lehner, Susan Wilson,
Fr Peter Nicholls, Josh Stokes, Maria Di Noia,
Lise Levaque, Mary Hughes, Drina Paradzik,
Pauline Brown, Jay Jennings, Olga Woods,
Tony Dalton, Elsa Bazan, Bev Murray,
Hon Dr Vanessa Goodwin MLC,
Kayden Edwards, Marie Morrisby,
Marian Zieba, Alan O'Rourke,
Lorna Brazendale, Natasha Gutteridge.*

Anniversaries

*Kerry Jones, Aleksander Bidejowski,
Win Manning, Ray Voss, Gwen Kelly,
Andrew Clifford, Fr Kevin Graydon,
Von Jenkins, Zofia Jablonski, Augustyn Celny,
Arthur Manning, Paul Duggan,
Josephine (Betty) Taylor, Iris Daley,
Bruce Malm, Tom Aiken, Stan Ryan,
Barbara McMaster, John B Driessen,
Fredrick Harry Butler,
Gilles Jacobus Stokman, Ernie McGuinness,
Iris Burnett, Wladyslaw Dorzdz,
Geoffrey Brazendale, Hermino Gabriel,
Nellie Cashion, Anna Catharina Stokman,
Eileen Hardinge Anna Balazs,
Wasył Haluszek, Harold Vivian Halton,
Jan (John) Rakowski, Susane Hansch,
Jean Mary Round, Michael Duggan,
Nancy Mackey, Aleksander Cisak,
Pauline Sikora, Mary Hinds,
Jadwiga Wyrwa, Fr John Northey,
Gladys Haley, Alicja Krawczyk, Janet Jones,
Kathleen Mary Wood, Carol Trojan.*

Recently Deceased

David Roberts.

PARISH OFFICE AND PRESBYTERY

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ST THERESE'S SCHOOL

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RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 11:00am-11:30am

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES:

By appointment

ARCHDIOCESAN WEBSITE:

www.hobart.catholic.org.au

TOWARDS HEALING HELPLINE:

Phone: 1800 356 613

TRUTH JUSTICE & HEALING COUNCIL:

<http://www.tjhcouncil.org.au>

READINGS

9th / 10th December, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent—Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING: (Isaiah 40:1 - 5; 9 - 11)

Prepare the way for the Lord.

PSALM: (Psalm 84:9 - 14)

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING: (2 Peter 3:8 - 14)

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Luke 3:4, 6)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Mark 1:1 - 8)

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

MASS TIMES

Monday 11th to Sunday 17th December
2017

	English	Polish
Monday	9:15am	
Tuesday	No Mass	9:00am
Wednesday	12:00 noon	
Thursday	9:15am (Communion Service)	
Friday	12:00 noon	9:00am
Saturday	6:30pm	
Sunday	9:00am 4:30pm	10:45am

READINGS/ROSTERS

16th / 17th December, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent—Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

FIRST READING: (Isaiah 61:1 - 2; 10 - 11)

I exult for joy in the Lord.

PSALM: (Luke 1:46 - 50, 53 - 54)

My soul rejoices in my God.

SECOND READING: (1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 24)

May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Isaiah 61:1)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (John 1:6 - 8, 19 - 28)

There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.

Saturday 6:30pm

Readers Steve Randell, Eva Hangan

Ministers Monica & Ed Sianski

Projector Threesa

Sunday 9:00am

Readers M Ogle, Marie Anders

Ministers B McManus, Barbara McArthur

Sick Michael Hangan

Projector Izak Hangan

Sunday 4:30pm

Readers Cameron Brown, Eva Hangan

Ministers Rexine & Gerard Synnott

Projector Melissa Brown

Altar Polish Community

Cleaning Polish Community

Counters Goldie McGuinness,
Kerrie Morrisby