St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish Moonah-Lutana

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

Sunday, 10th March, 2019 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

FROM THE PASTOR

As the collected responses of the members of the parish have been published in this bulletin, and given that I published one last week, I thought it worthwhile to present to you these other submissions which I made as well. We continue to hope and pray that the Plenary Council will be authentic in its listening, and be fruitful for the Church in Australia, and influential to the Universal Church. Certainly, a minimalist or business-as-usual response will not be adequate. In fact, it would be a failure. So we must pray that the Spirit of God will guide the Council and the Church.

The result of the invitation to a forum last Thursday was that about forty people came and engaged in a very spirited conversation. It included members from beyond the parish, and the desire was for a follow-up forum in a couple of week's time, the date yet to be confirmed.

THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL

As a priest who presides at the Eucharist and all other Sacraments, I use the New Translation to the Roman Missal and the other books. Quite frankly, the new translation is appalling. It is bad English! The grammatical structures used are awkward, clumsy and verbose. Often they are incomprehensible without first studying them and interpreting. They do not roll off the tongue. Nor do they allow for a clear understanding by the people. Added to this is the outdated usage of the masculine personal pronoun (man, all men) for all members of the human family. Let us adopt an alternative. Let us look at the 1998 ICEL text and other possible texts and select the text which is most clearly composed and structured, which the present text is not. Let us re-incorporate the beautiful alternative Collects from the previous Missal which was discontinued.

MANDATORY PRIESTLY CELIBACY

The Catholic Church has married priests in the Eastern Rite Churches. The Roman Church has married priests among those who have come from the Anglican Communion into full communion with the Catholic Church. Presently, the Roman Catholic Church in the developed world has a greatly diminished number of priests and vocations to the priesthood. In previous generations there were great numbers of vocations to the priesthood, and these were drawn from faithful Catholic families where the parents encouraged vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The key factor here is that those families were typically large. It was not uncommon to have seven or eight children in a family. Today, Catholic families in the developed world are much smaller. On average, parents typically have about two children. Parents understandably want their family line to continue. They want grandchildren. Thus, they are unlikely to encourage their sons toward priestly life, and hence, the probability of vocations to the celibate priesthood is very low.

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Celibacy is not a pre-requisite for priesthood. Compulsory celibacy will be a reason why many potential candidates for priesthood do not pursue a priestly vocation. The imposition of compulsory celibacy will invariably be a cause of some priests being unfaithful to the promise of celibacy. A married option for priesthood should be made available. When it is, marriage should not be prohibited for those already ordained.

Of course, this would not have any major bearing upon vocations to the vowed religious life as the call to celibacy is inherent in such a vocation.

The case for this needs to be forcefully presented to the Vatican.

THE CONVERSATION AROUND THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN TO THE PRIESTHOOD

God has given each of us an intellect and expects all of us to use this intellect. A banning of the conversation around the ordination of women is insulting to all of us. It is also abusive. It is patronising clericalism and an abuse of power. Intelligent, critical thinking people will not be browbeaten into silent submission to a dictate by any authority, even a pope. In fact, the conversation has not been silenced, it is simply taking place without the involvement of the hierarchy. The inclusion of women among the ordained needs to be in the conversation of possibilities in the Catholic Church, and not just the conversation, but the vision. The vast majority of people are not just asking for this, they are demanding it. The lack of female participation in the highest levels of church governance is a contributor to the corruption in the church. Women must be included at every level of power in the church. Failure to engage in this conversation will be a failure of trust that the Holy Spirit of Truth will lead us. We have nothing to fear from being open to the possibility that the Holy Spirit may speak to us in a way that is new. In a post-Royal Commission Church, we do not have the option of ignoring this possibility of women's engagement or of silencing the conversation. Failure to seriously consider the ordination of women will render the hierarchy irrelevant in an increasing number of people's eyes. Until the recent eras, the root cause of women being subordinated to men has been because of men's physical superiority. The present and future will be shaped by wisdom, not physical dominance. Already, women lead political parties, governments, judicial appointments, police forces, defence ministries, corporations and hierarchies in other religious communions. Let us listen. Then let our Australian church present the case forcefully and persistently to the Vatican, refusing to be silenced.

In the Heart of Christ

Fr Mark MSC

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CATHOLIC STANDARD - LATEST EDITION

The latest issue of the Standard was due for release this weekend. Due to an article written by David Daintree on the subject of the conviction of Cardinal George Pell that is considered to be offensive to survivors of sexual abuse and the judicial process, it will not be distributed within this parish lest it traumatise the survivors and their families.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CRAFT SHOP

The Catholic Women's League Craft shop has re-opened. The shop is located at 16 Criterion Street Hobart and is open from Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm. If you are looking for a unique gift, come and see what is available.

RENTAL NEEDED

House Rental needed for Catholic Refugee Family who are Humanitarian Entrants from Iraq via Lebanon (2 adults, 3 children aged 16+, 3 bedrooms), arriving 3 April. Short term rental, or long term. Contact Br Sean McManus 0417 136 640 or email seantmcmanus@yahoo.com

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion boxes or Envelopes are available in the foyer of the Church.

VOLUNTEERS ROSARY GARDEN KIOSK

Volunteers needed to help at Rosary Gardens Kiosk at St. John's Park. Hours are from 8am till 2pm and you will enjoy the company of other friendly workers. All profits go to assist the residents in the Home. If interested please contact Maria on 0416228772.

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS

This year the Sandy Bay /Taroona parish will be looking at the Vatican Council Document on the Church, *Lumen Gentium*, Light to the Nations. The content ties in very well with the focus of the 2020 Plenary. Fr Brian Nichols will lead the sessions in the Holy Spirit Church foyer on the Tuesday mornings of Lent following the 9am Mass, commencing 12 March. Each session will run for approximately one hour. All welcome.

LENTEN TALK

St John's Glenorchy is hosting Fr Brian Nichols, who will be giving a talk on the Church's Liturgy at 7:00pm on Wednesday, 27th March. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC FAMILY PICNIC

The Hobart Branch of the National Association of Catholic Families welcomes all families to it's inaugural Family Picnic on Monday, March 11 at Cornelian Bay Reserve. Assisi, Siena, Florence and more. The tour It will run from 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm. There will be things for all the family to enjoy: Play equipment, sporting fields and places to explore. Fr Guy Riolo PP, Glenorchy Parish, will speak to the adults on the importance of family prayer. For more information or to RSVP contact Ben Smith on 6208 6036 or ben.smith@aohtas.org.au.

CHARISMATIC MASS 13TH MARCH 7.30pm Douglas Park. Further details can be

This Mass will be held at St. Joseph's Church obtained by contacting the Retreat Centre (side chapel) Cnr. Macquarie/Harrington Sts. A warm welcome to all to our first Charismatic Mass for 2019. Evening commences with Songs of Praise and Worship and concludes around 9pm followed by supper. There will be an anointing during the Mass and opportunity for personal prayer afterwards. Enquiries: Di van Tienen 0447 350 379 / Judi Richardson 0409 780 827.



ST PATRICK'S PILGRIMAGE

The annual St Patrick's Pilgrimage walk from Richmond to Colebrook will be held on 16-17 March 2019. This overnight pilgrimage will offer a chance to journey, reflect, pray, sing, chat and spend some quality time with other pilgrims and with God. You are sure to enjoy both the serenity of the walk and the fellowship of the pilgrims journeying with you. The pilgrimage is open to young people between the ages of 16-35 and costs \$55 which covers lunch, breakfast and dinner meals. For more information or to register, visit eventbrite.com.au and search "St Patrick's Pilgrimage".

13 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Fr Brian Nichols will be accompanying a Harvest Journeys tour of places of religious significance including Rome, Montecassino, departs on 13 May 2019. The cost per person will be in the range of \$5,000 to \$6,000. For full details, contact sandybay@aohtas.org.au

MSC RETREATS

A number of retreats are available during the Lenten period. These retreats will be held at St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre on 02 4630 0233 or emailing contact@towersretreat.org.au or visit the website: http://towersretreat.org.au. Douglas Park offers a relaxed and tranquil time to spend time with God. Below are a listing of the retreats on offer.

- 8 Day Directed Retreat-8-16 March \$920 - 8 Days - This retreat is a time of profound silence, interiority and stillness. Your Spiritual Director (sometimes called a Prayer Companion) will support you to be sensitive to what God is doing and encourage you to follow God's promptings.
- One Day Retreat: Sat 9 March "A taste of Silence" Michelle Vass: Cost \$90 for presentation, lunch and spiritual direction session. (\$60 BYO lunch). This day retreat seeks to provide a taste of the experience of silence and how we are called to live from that silent place deep within, through all the activities of our day.
- 6 Day Retreat –22-28 March "Meditations on the Letter to the Hebrews" Fr Michael Fallon msc: \$690 (prayer weekend 22-24 Mar \$230). Let the scriptures lead you to new understandings of Jesus, who fulfils in his person all God's promises and who draws us to himself and shares with us his own intimate communion with God.



6 Day Retreat –29 Mar – 4 April "Trinity-Heart of our Desiring" Sr Colleen Rhodes rsm: \$690 (prayer weekend 29-31 Mar \$230). We will explore ways of encountering the Trinity in our everyday life, with prayerful reflection on the Triune God whose flowing life constantly draws us to share in the energy of God's love.

<u>JESUS' HUMANITY - GOD'S PRESENCE</u> _{LUKE 4:1-13}

Luke presents images that resonate strongly with our human condition. Jesus is filled with the Holy Spirit who leads him out into the wilderness to be tempted for forty days.

The voice from heaven identified Jesus at his baptism as 'my Son, the Beloved, the one whom I have begotten today.' (3:22). The world of spirits must be recognised at this time. This spirit world is quite strange to us in our modern world. Yet it was taken for granted by people of that time.

Three times Jesus is tempted to do something that is displeasing to his Father. He is being tempted to show that he is not a Beloved Son as the voice from heaven had said. These temptations parallel the temptations of the people in their desert experience. Where they failed, Jesus

succeeds. He faced the temptations and so revealed himself as truly the Beloved Son.

Jesus was hungry and was tempted to be a miracle worker. But his hunger was for God. He was taken up onto a very high mountain and shown all the kingdoms of the world. He was tempted to be overlord of the world. His true hunger was to make God's kingdom the ultimate reality. Finally he was taken to the parapet of the Temple. Here he was tempted to throw himself down in the middle of the worshipping crowd to demonstrate that he was the saviour. But his hunger was to see God worshipped in spirit and in truth. Each time Jesus rebuked the devil with the words of scripture.

The story is not intended by Luke as a model for baptised Christians who have to battle against evil spirits. No Christian possesses the powers that Jesus was tempted to misuse. Luke's purpose in this story is to present Jesus as the kind of person John the Baptist predicted: the 'more powerful one.' (Luke 11:22)

If we are afraid of failure, perhaps it means that we are getting our satisfaction from our work rather than letting the Spirit work in and through us. We must constantly remind ourselves that the work of salvation is God's

work, not ours. We are merely unworthy instruments of God's work in the world.



PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 - WHAT'S NEXT

More than 78,000 people have engaged with the Plenary Council during the Listening and Dialogue stage. We join the whole Catholic Community in prayerful preparation for Easter, and at Pentecost (June 9th). During this time the National Centre for Pastoral Research will continue the deep listening process, conducting a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the submissions received and, using best-practice research methods, will identify key themes that have emerged. Then, in May, the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council, the Plenary Council Executive Committee and the Facilitation Team will work together with the National Centre for Pastoral Research to finalise the National Themes for Discernment. Those

themes will become the focus for the Listening and Discernment phase and will be the foundations for the Plenary Council agenda.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.
O God, bless and unite all your people in
Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of
the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

STEWARDSHIP

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." (Luke 6:43)

Are you using your God-given gifts in the way God intended? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 1,522.00

Loose: \$ 1,047.05

TOTAL: \$ 2,569.05

Week's Budget Collections:

\$ 2,538.00

Difference \$ 31.05

Thank You!

LET US PRAY FOR The Sick

Thanh Huynh, Shirley Lehner, Olga Woods, Susan Wilson, Josh Stokes, Lise Levaque, Mary Hughes, Drina Paradzik, Jay Jennings, Tony Dalton, Elsa Bazan, Bev Murray, Kayden Edwards, Marie Morrisby, Lorna Brazendale, Leo Manning, Jan Grubb, Felicity Matthews, Alicia Stroud, Elsa Natoli, Peter van Loggerenberg.

Anniversaries

Grace Phyllis Dance, Karol Michalowski, Elaine Voss, Ieva Andrikonis, Bert de Groot, Stephen Horne, David Blake, Thelma Dalton, **Deacon:** Rev Michael Hangan Bertram Williams, Bridget Beckwith, Fr Harold Bridgwood, Margaret Mills, Benjamin Bresnehan, Tara-Ann Radcliffe, Pauline Krushka Brown, Irene Scanlon, Margaret Monaghan, Max Watson, Elvie J. Keenan, Denis Francis Duggan, Marj Symmons, Denis Henry Scanlon, Marion Keenan, Stefan R. Zelek, Walenty Bodel, Ingrid Leszczynski, Laurie Belcher, Leokadia Sadkowski, Wladyslaw Osuckowski, Giuseppe Cugino, Rex Graham Morrisby, Marjorie Williams, Joanne Maree Read, Pauline Watts, Lawrence Triffett, Frank Brown, John Skaraupa, Jan Cisak, Wladyslaw Gniadek, Paul Krizanovic, Bertram Williams, Mary Monaghan, Aloisy Kempa, Bridget Beckwith, William Clare, Lola Hutchinson OAM, Belle Ayton, Kazimierz Jablonski, Elizabeth Streat, Peter Hope, Zofia Cisak, Harold Poulson, Thirza Beryl Barber, Prudencia Gabriel Salas, Fr Norbert Earl.

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PLENARY COUNCIL:

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READINGS

9th/10th March, 2019 First Sunday of Lent - Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and given him glory, I will grant him length of days.

FIRST READING: (Deuteronomy 26: 4-10) The confession of faith of the elect.

PSALM: (Psalm 90:1-2, 10-15)

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

SECOND READING: (Romans 10:8-13)

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Matthew 4: 4)

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: (Luke 4:1-13)

mouth of God.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

MASS TIMES

Monday 4th to Sunday 10th March 2019 Projector

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

READINGS/ROSTERS

16th/17th March, 2019 Second Sunday of Lent - Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING: (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)
God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

PSALM: (Psalm 26:1, 7-9, 13-14)

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING: (Philippians 3:17-4:1)

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Matthew 17:5)

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: (Luke 9:28-36)

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lighting.

Saturday 6:30pm

Readers Nathan Shane, Anne Thuringer

Ministers Rexine & Gerard Synnott

Projector Alec Avellana

Sunday 9:00am

Readers Brendan McManus, Marty Ogle

Ministers Simone McManus,

Sick Maureen Pangrazzi
Maureen Pangrazzi

Projector Melissa Philp

Sunday 4:30pm

Readers John Kitt, Kerrie Morrisby

Ministers Daniel Duharte, Carlene Larkin

Projector Alice Duharte

Altar Victoria Maty, Kieran Aherne &

Monica Sianski

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