

St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish

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St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

Sunday 11th February, 2018

9TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B



FROM THE PASTOR

FAITH AND SUPERSTITION

The power of a subordinate clause, one nuance within a sentence and everything takes on a different meaning.

That's the case in a recent brilliant, but provocative, novel, *The Ninth Hour*, by Nina McDermott. She tells a story which, among other things, focuses on a group of nuns in Brooklyn who work with the poor. Times are hard, people are needy, and the nuns, who work mostly in home care for the poor, appear utterly selfless in their dedication. Nothing, it seems, can deflect them from their mission to give their all, their every ounce of energy, to help the poor. And on this score, McDermott gives them their due. As well, for anyone familiar with what goes on inside of a religious community, McDermott's portrayal of these nuns is both nuanced and accurate. Nuns aren't all of a kind. Each has her own unique history, temperament, and personality. Some are wonderfully warm and gracious, others nurse their own wounds and aren't always evident paradigms of God's love and mercy. And that's the case with the nuns that McDermott describes here. But, quirks of individual personality aside, as a community, the nuns she describes serve the poor and their overall witness is beyond reproach.

But then, after telling this story of faith and dedication and reflecting on how today there are few groups of nuns who still live so radical a commitment, McDermott, through the voice her narrator, introduces the subversive subordinate clause: "The holy nuns who sailed through the house when we were young were a dying breed even then. ... The call to sanctity and self-sacrifice, the delusion and superstition it required, faded from the world even then."

Wow! The delusion and the superstition it required? As if this kind of radical self-sacrifice can only be the product of false fear. As if whole generations of Christian self-sacrifice, vowed celibacy, and single-minded dedication can be dismissed, post-factum, as ultimately predicated on delusion and superstition.

How true is that?

FROM THE PASTOR

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I grew up in the world McDermott is describing, where nuns were like that, and where a powerful Catholic ethos supported them and declared what they were doing was anything but delusion and superstition. Admittedly that was another time and much of that ethos has not stood the test of time and has, indeed, to a large part succumbed to the raw power of secularity. And so McDermott is right, partially. Some of that selflessness was based upon an unhealthy fear of hell fire and God's anger. To an extent too it was based on a notion of faith that believed that God does not really want us to flourish much here on earth but that our lives are meant to be mostly a sombre preparation for the next world. Perhaps this isn't exactly delusion and superstition, but it is bad theology and it did help underwrite some of the religious life in the world McDermott describes and in the Catholic world of my youth.

But there was also something else undergirding this ethos, and I inhaled it deeply in my youth and in a way that branded my soul for good, like nothing else I have ever breathed in in this world. Notwithstanding some false fears, there was inside of that a biblical faith, a raw mandate, that taught that your own comfort, your own desires, and even your own legitimate longings for human flourishing, sexuality, marriage, children, freedom, and having what everyone else has, are subject to a higher purpose, and you may be asked to sacrifice them all, your legitimate longings, to serve God and others. It was a faith that believed you were born with a God-given vocation and that your life was not your own.

I saw this first in my own parents who believed that faith made those demands upon them, who accepted that, and who consequently had the moral authority to ask this of others. I saw it too in the Ursuline Nuns who taught me in school, women with full red blood flowing through their veins but who sacrificed these longings to come into the public schools in our remote rural areas and teach us. I saw it too in the little prairie community that nurtured me in my youth, a whole community who, by and large, lived out this selflessness.

Today I live in a world that prizes sophistication above all else, but where as a whole society we're no longer sure what's "fake news" as opposed to what we can believe in and trust. In this unsteady world the faith of my youth, of my parents, of the nuns who sacrificed their dreams to teach me, and of the nuns whom Nina McDermott describes in *The Ninth Hour*, can look very much like delusion and superstition. Sometimes it is delusion, admittedly; but sometimes it isn't, and in my case the faith my parents gave me, with its belief that your life and your sexuality are not your own, is, I believe, the truest, most non-superstitious thing of all.

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI ©

PARISH NOTICES

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.

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.

LENTEN PROGRAM

Thank you for placing your names onto the Lenten Prayer Groups. The Wednesday group will commence on Wednesday 14th February at 10:30am in the Community Room. The Thursday group will commence on Thursday, 15th February at 7:00pm in the Chapel Saints Louis and Zelig Martin Parish Centre.

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE 2018-2021

“Our Church, Our Community, Our Commitment” 2018-2021. We commence this week to review our commitment to our Parish in Time, Talent and Treasure. In accord with the vision and the values of Jesus, we are striving to build a welcoming and inclusive community that provides life-giving support and services to all peoples. This is a time for renewal for everyone.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES & SERVICES 14th FEBRUARY

9:00am	Polish Mass
10:30am	School Liturgy
12:00 noon	Mass
5:30pm	Mass
6:30pm	Polish Mass

WORK WANTED

Silpa Thomas is looking for all types of data entry jobs, web site development or software development. If you know of anything please contact Silpa on 0450 123 721.

CATHOLIC STANDARD FIRST EDITION FOR 2018

The latest issue of the Catholic Standard is available in the foyer. Highlights in this edition include:

- Fr Peter Addicoat celebrates his golden jubilee of religious profession
- Emmaus community celebrates patronal feast of the Epiphany
- A message to the Catholic community at the beginning of Lent from Archbishop Julian
- Santo Nino festival celebrated in Smithton, Devonport and Bridgewater
- YEAR OF YOUTH
- St Mary's past and present staff celebrate 150 years of teaching
- Helping others, one ginger nut biscuit at a time - Eileen Sherrin
- Forming capable problem-solvers into the future - Ann Burke
- Adoration continues weekly at Riverside

GLENORCHY PARISH LENTEN TALKS

Following the success of last year's Lenten talks, this year there will be 3 Lenten Happenings at Glenorchy Parish:

1. Thursday 22nd Feb 7:00pm at St John's, a presentation by Fr Elio Capra SDB lecturer at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne entitled "A New Look at Lent—A Time to Fall in Love Again."
2. Tuesday 27th Feb 7:00pm at St John's an opportunity to hear what young people think about the Church and what is important to them.
3. Wednesday 7th March 7:00pm at St John's (and perhaps during the day) Contemplative Prayer Spaces.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

1. Rise

The RISE 30 Day Challenge is a programme for men for Lent. It addresses the practical realities of living out our faith as Catholic men. If you sign up, then each day for 30 days you will get sent a link to a short video to watch online, and a reflection. (The videos are great - very menALIVE!) Signing up costs you \$44 (the cost of a couple of coffees each week - a Lenten fast?) You can treat it as a personal challenge, or partner up with another man to support each other.

Optionally, you can organise a small group of men in your parish as a weekly Lenten discussion group. You can see the website, and sign up, here: <https://www.menriseup.org/p/australia>. You can see the information for parishes (for organising small groups) here: <https://www.menriseup.org/pages/parishes-groups-au>. This is an opportunity for men personally, but also an opportunity to become a support partner with a friend, or reach out into your parish to engage with other men.

2. Lenten Programme - The Second Greatest Story Ever Told

The power and drama of Fr. Michael Gaitley's best-selling book *The Second Greatest Story Ever Told* are captured in an amazing visual presentation that will challenge and enthrall you. In 5 fast-paced and lively sessions, Fr. Gaitley connects people and events in history to a unifying vision of the splendour of God's merciful love. From the epic story of Poland's national suffering, to the events of Fatima, the revelations of St. Faustina, the heroic efforts of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the life of St. John Paul II, the panorama of God's love and mercy is fully revealed as a transformative reality. Venue: St Mary's Cathedral Centre, Hobart, 1st Floor. When: 5 weekly sessions during Lent. Two time options: either Thursday

mornings (10:00 am till 12:00 noon), starting Thursday 22nd February; or Monday evenings (7:00 to 9:00 pm), starting Monday 26th February. For further information call Deacon Nick MacFarlane on 0418 242 010.

MARRIAGE MASS FOR THE RENEWAL OF VOWS

Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Julian Porteous on Sunday 18th February, St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart at 10.30am. Couples celebrating Catholic Marriage milestones including couples in the early years of marriage, (1st, 5th and 10th anniversaries) are invited to RSVP to the Office of Life, Marriage and Family by emailing ben.smith@aohtas.org.au or on 6208 6036. Catholic married couples will receive a special acknowledgement from Archbishop Julian on the day.

YEAR OF YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO ST PATRICK'S, COLEBROOK

On the weekend of 3-4 March, Archbishop Porteous is leading a Year of Youth Pilgrimage from St John's Richmond to St Patrick's Colebrook. The pilgrimage involves camping overnight and is open to all young people up to the age of 35. Youth under the age of 18 will require a guardian for the duration of the pilgrimage. The cost of the event is \$50 which includes specified meals. More information on the event can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/344023136076705/> or contact For more information, please contact Tomasz at youth@aohtas.org.au or on 6208 6038 or 0400 045 368.

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.

KENOSIS RETREAT

Kenosis mean self emptying and refers to God, putting his divinity aside to come amongst us as a human being. In this retreat we will explore who we are so as to accept ourselves and truly be in a position to empty ourselves for others." Date: June 15th – 18th 2018, Presenter: Fr Ray Sanchez C.P. Venue: Maryknoll House of Prayer Blackman's Bay. For further information please call Anne on 0407704539 or email journallingretreat@iinet.net.au.

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 Sherston 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

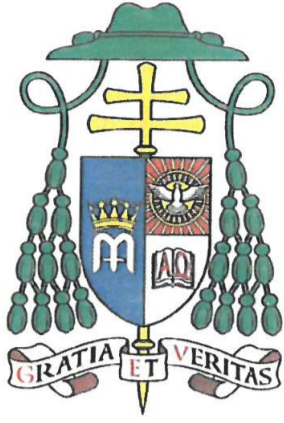
"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." - **1 Corinthians 10:31**

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride and ego, money and possessions to name a few) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 1,651.05
Loose:	\$ 933.95
TOTAL:	\$ 2,585.00
<u>Week's Budget Collections:</u>	<u>\$ 2,368.00</u>
PROFIT:	\$ \$217.00





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**A message to the Catholic community at the beginning
of Lent from Archbishop Julian**

**Days of fasting in sorrow for child sexual abuse and for the
healing of victims**

14 – 16 February 2018

Dear brothers and sisters,

With the Royal Commission concluded, our country and our Church enter into a new moment. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is calling upon the Catholic community in Australia to embrace this new moment by beginning the penitential season of Lent with three days of fasting from Ash Wednesday, February 14 till the following Friday, February 16. This traditional spiritual practice expresses our desire for God's reconciling and healing grace. Through fasting, we stand in solidarity with the victims of abuse whose much deeper hunger is for healing, peace and justice in their lives.

These days of fasting in sorrow for child sexual abuse and for the healing of victims can be marked by prayer in our homes and in our Catholic communities. Please take to heart the importance of these days in preparing the Church to respond to the recommendations of the Royal Commission and to make the journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter. We cannot undo the past. With God's help, we can make the future better.

Julian Porteous DD
Archbishop of Hobart

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, Genowefa Grzegorzczak.*

Anniversaries

*Graeme Bresnehan, Elizabeth Trojanowski,
Gavin Davey, Pawel Cichon,
Kathleen D McCabe, Vale Stanwix,
Nancy Veronica Cullen, Stanislaw Czachor,
Humphrey Beckitt, Grant Brazendale-Brooks,
Susanne Brazendale, Emilia Gabriel Abueva,
Helena Niemczyk, Lucy Frazik,
Fr John Eldridge, Boleslaw Kempa,
Stefan Adam Jedyka,
Michelle Ann White (Read), Jack Webster,
Shirley Ethel May Thomas, Esmay Haney,
Michael Noonan, Grace Phyllis Dance,
Karol Michalowski, Elaine Voss,
Ieva Andrikonis, Bert de Groot, David Blake,
Bertram Williams, Thelma Dalton,
Bridget Beckwith, Fr Harold Bridgwood,
Margaret Mills, Benjamin Bresnehan,
Irene Scanlon, Margaret Monaghan,
Max Watson, Elvie J Keenan,
Denis Francis Duggan, Marj Symmons,
Denis Henry Scanlon, Marion Keenan,
Stefan R Zelek, Walenty Bodel,
Laurie Belcher, Leokadia Sadkowski,
Wladyslaw Osuckowski.*

Recently Deceased

*Mary Dickinson, Frank Young,
Kathleen Darby*

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Saturday 11:00am-11:30am

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES:

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TOWARDS HEALING HELPLINE:

Phone: 1800 356 613

TRUTH JUSTICE & HEALING COUNCIL:

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

READINGS

10th/11th February, 2018
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time -
Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your
name.

FIRST READING: (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46)

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone,
outside the camp.

PSALM: (Psalm 31:1 - 2, 5, 11)

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with joy of salvation.

SECOND READING: (1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1)

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Luke 7:16)

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Mark 1:40 - 45)

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

MASS TIMES

Monday 12th to Sunday 18th February
2018

	English	Polish
Monday	9:15am	
Tuesday	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday	10:30am (School Liturgy) 12:00 noon 5:30pm	9:00am 6:30pm
Thursday	9:15am	
Friday	12:00 noon	9:00am
Saturday	6:30pm	
Sunday	9:00am 4:30pm	10:45am

READINGS/ROSTERS

17th/18th February, 2018
First Sunday of Lent - Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

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

FIRST READING: (Genesis 9:8-15)

I will recall the covenant between myself and
you... the waters shall never again become a
flood to destroy all flesh.

PSALM: (Psalm 24:4 - 9)

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to
those who keep your covenant.

SECOND READING: (1 Peter 3:18 - 22)

The water of the flood is a type of the
baptism which saves you now.

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
mouth of God.

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

GOSPEL: (Mark 1:12 - 15)

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels
looked after him.

Saturday 6:30pm

Readers Shane Poulson,
Margaret Henderson
Ministers Phil Blake, Gerry McGushin
Projector Threesa K

Sunday 9:00am

Readers M Ogle, Annie Brush
Ministers Brendan McManus, M Ogle
Sick Michael Hangan
Projector Izak Hangan

Sunday 4:30pm

Readers Peter Flint, Cameron Brown
Ministers Kerrie Morrisby,
Carlene Larkin
Projector Melissa Brown
Altar Fran Smith
Cleaning Gerard & Rexine Synnott
Counters Marie Anders & Kaye Wood