

# St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish

## Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

**Sunday 14th January, 2018**

**2NS SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**



## FROM THE PASTOR

### PLASTIC PLANETARY POISON

I had a friend visit and stay here last week. At the beginning of his stay he chose to do some cooking, and in the process was content to dispose of all plastic containers, bags and wrapping in the bin designated “garbage” which all goes to landfill. The kitchen plastic police (me) retrieved, rinsed and recycled the offending plastic products, preached a plastics re-education lesson to the offender, and at the end of his stay he had undergone a conversion and left the realm of darkness to join the kingdom of light, (or he was just humouring me), but I think the conversion had a hint of genuineness to it.

Why would I write about plastic in a Sunday Bulletin letter? The reason: Because the contamination of the planet with plastic has reached catastrophic proportions and there are manifold ramifications. It is a question of ecological justice. It’s a question of ecological spirituality, a question of social justice toward future generations who will inherit the planet and the mess. It’s a question of Care... care for the generations to come and care for all other species which accompany our human family on this planet; care for the Divine gift from God that this finite creation is. It’s a question of whether we have an attitude of “Me! Now!” or a more self-disciplined and outward-focussed attitude. And it’s a question of survival.

What, then, is the extent of the problem? There is a mind-numbing amount of plastic in the world’s oceans. It coagulates into massive floating garbage areas that cover large swaths of the Pacific. It washes up on urban beaches and remote islands, tossed about in the waves and transported across incredible distances before arriving, unwanted, back on land. **It has wound up in the stomachs of more than half the world’s sea turtles and nearly all of its marine birds.** And if it was bagged up and arranged across all of the world’s shorelines, we could build a veritable plastic barricade between ourselves and the sea. But that quantity pales in comparison with the amount that the World Economic Forum expects will be floating into the oceans by the middle of the century. **If we keep producing (and failing to properly dispose of) plastics at predicted rates, plastics in the ocean will outweigh fish in 2050.**

According to a report, worldwide use of plastic has increased 20-fold in the past 50 years, and it is expected to double again in the next 20 years. By 2050, we’ll be making more than three times as much plastic stuff as we did in 2014. Once it gets washed into waterways, **it disrupts marine ecosystems and threatens food security for people who depend on subsistence fishing.**

# FROM THE PASTOR

(CONTINUED)

Annual consumption of plastic bottles is set to top half a trillion by 2021, far outstripping recycling efforts and further jeopardising oceans, coastlines and other environments. A million plastic bottles are bought around the world every minute and the number will jump another 20% by 2021, creating an environmental crisis some campaigners predict will be as serious as climate change.

Sources reveal that more than half a trillion plastic bottles will be sold annually by the end of the decade. The demand is equivalent to about 20,000 bottles being bought every second. More than 480bn plastic drinking bottles were sold in 2016 across the world, up from about 300bn a decade ago. If placed end to end, they would extend more than halfway to the sun. By 2021 this will increase to 583.3bn.

Most plastic bottles used for soft drinks and water are made from polyethylene terephthalate (Pet), which is highly recyclable. But as their use soars across the globe, efforts to collect and recycle the bottles to keep them from polluting the oceans, are failing to keep up. **The amount of plastic produced in a year is roughly the same as the entire weight of humanity.** Fewer than half of the bottles bought in 2016 were collected for recycling and just 7% of those collected were turned into new bottles. Instead most plastic bottles produced end up in landfill or in the ocean. In May 2017 scientists found nearly eighteen tonnes of plastic on one of the world's most remote islands, an uninhabited coral atoll in the South Pacific. Another study of remote Arctic beaches found they were also heavily polluted with plastic, despite small local populations.

**Between 5m and 13m tonnes of plastic leaks into the world's oceans each year to be ingested by sea birds, fish and other organisms. Experts warn that some of it is already finding its way into the human food chain. Scientists at Ghent University in Belgium estimate that people who eat seafood ingest up to 11,000 tiny pieces of plastic every year.**

What is our responsibility? What can we do? We can develop an attitude of Care for the Creation that God has blessed and entrusted to us, an Ecological Spirituality. This brings with it a concern for future generations and all other species. There is no "us and them" or creation as "it". We are interdependent in one living global organism. We can take care to recycle all that can be recycled, and re-use what can be. We can refuse to buy water in bottles. We can lobby Governments. We can educate children. We can pick up plastic litter. The facts of this subject came to my attention through an online global non-profit social action network called AVAAZ. You can contact them at <https://www.avaaz.org/en/contact/?footer>. A reputable network such as this enables us to establish social change internationally. Care is a religious / spiritual issue!

Sources: *The Guardian* 20 June, 2017; *The Washington Post* Jan 20, 2016



In the Heart of the Creator  
Fr Mark MSC

## PARISH NOTICES

### STEWARDSHIP

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” - **John 1:38**

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 1,230.80
Loose:	\$ 1,042.15
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 2,272.95</b>
<u>Week's Budget Collections:</u>	<u>\$ 2,368.00</u>
<b>Loss:</b>	<b>\$ -\$95.05</b>

## MASS TIMES

Monday 15th to Sunday 21st January  
2018

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

## 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.*

### *Anniversaries*

*Carol Trojan, Joshua Flack, Otto Fritz, Jadwiga Dmuchowski, Marianna Gladysz, Paul Taylor, Elizabeth Ann Rakowski, Teresita Gabriel Despacio, Joshua Flack, Otto Fritz, Jadwiga Dmuchowski, Marianna Gladysz, Paul Taylor, Fr Vincent Dwyer, Fr Patrick Moloney, Hedleu Hodgetts, Camden Cashion, Wilhelm Waiser, Charles Burnett, David Curtin, Josef Kremzer, Emilia Cisak, John Dwyer, Sydney Grubb, Amy Kennedy, Mary Brown, Ella Hoskins, Joan Etherington, Antoni Halys, Fr Robert Hyland MSC, Roger Cashion, Evelyn May Hope, Earla Poulson, Mollie Cooper, Antonia (Toni) Luxemborg, Beattie Jones, Editha Gabriel Malicdan, Graeme Bresnehan, Elizabeth Trojanowski, Gavin Davey, Pawel Cichon, Kathleen D McCabe, Vale Stanwix, Nancy Veronica Cullen, Stanislaw Czachor, Grant Brazendale-Brooks, Susanne Brazendale, Emilia Gabriel Abueva, Helena Niemczyk, Lucy Frazik, Fr John Eldridge.*

### *Recently Deceased*

*Lucia Capozza*

## **READINGS**

***13th/14th January, 2018***

***2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time -  
Year B***

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

### **FIRST READING:** (1 Samuel 3:3 - 10, 19)

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

### **PSALM:** (Psalm 39:2, 4, 7 - 10)

Here am I, Lord; I come to do you will.

### **SECOND READING:** (1 Corinthians 6:13 - 15, 17 - 20)

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (John 1:41, 17)

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL:** (John 1:35 - 42)

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

## **READINGS**

***20th/21st January, 2018***

***3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B***

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

O sing a new song to the Lord;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

### **FIRST READING:** (Jonah 3:1 - 5, 10)

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

### **PSALM:** (Psalm 24:4 - 9)

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

### **SECOND READING:** (1 Corinthians 7:29 - 31)

The world as we know it is passing away.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (Mark 1:15)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:

believe the Good News.

Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL:** (Mark 1:14 - 20)

Repent, and believe the Good News.

## **ROSTERS** *20th/21st January, 2018*

**Saturday 6:30pm (Vigil)**

**Sunday 9:00am**

**Sunday 4:30pm**

<b>Readers</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>	Carlene Larkin
<b>Ministers</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>	Kerrie Morrisby <b>Volunteer</b>
<b>Projector</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>
<b>Minister to Sick</b>		<b>Volunteer</b>	
<b>Altar</b>	Fran Smith		
<b>Cleaning</b>	Kerrie Morrisby & Marj Smith		
<b>Counting</b>	Goldie McGuinness & Kerrie Morrisby		