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 July, 2019 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

ST THERESE OF LISIEUX CATHOLIC PARISH MOONAH LUTANA IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SAFE AND NURTURING CULTURE FOR ALL PEOPLE IN OUR PARISH.

FROM THE PASTOR

THE STRUGGLE TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR

"The most damaging idolatry is not the golden calf but enmity against the other." The renowned anthropologist, Rene Girard, wrote that and its truth is not easily admitted. Most of us like to believe that we are mature and big-hearted and that we do love our neighbours and are free of enmity towards others. But is this so?

In our more honest, more accurately perhaps, in our more humble moments, I think that all of us admit that we don't really love others in the way that Jesus asked. We don't turn the other cheek. We don't really love our enemies. We don't wish good to those who wish us harm. We don't bless those who curse us. And we don't genuinely forgive those who murder our loved ones. We are decent, good-hearted persons, but persons whose heaven is still too-predicated on needing an emotional vindication in the face of anyone or anything that opposes us. We can be fair, we can be just, but we don't yet love the way Jesus asked us to, that is, so that our love goes out to both those who love us and to those who hate us. We still struggle, mightily, mostly unsuccessfully, to wish our enemies well.

But for most of us who like to believe ourselves mature that battle remains hidden, mostly from ourselves. We tend to feel that we are loving and forgiving because, essentially, we are well-intentioned, sincere, and able to believe and say all the right things; but there's another part of us that isn't nearly so noble. The Irish Jesuit, Michael Paul Gallagher, (who died recently and will be dearly missed) puts this well when he writes (*In Extra Time*): "You probably don't hate anyone, but you can be paralysed by daily negatives. Mini-prejudices and knee-jerk judgements can produce a mood of undeclared war. Across barbed wire fences, invisible bullets fly." Loving the other as oneself, he submits, is for most of us an impossible uphill climb.

So where does that leave us? Serving out a life-sentence of mediocrity and hypocrisy? Professing to loving our enemies but not doing it? How can we profess to be Christians when, if we are honest, we have admit that we are not measuring up to the litmus-test of Christian discipleship, namely, loving and forgiving our enemies?

Perhaps we are not as bad as we think we are. If we are still struggling, we are still healthy. In making us, it seems, God factored in human complexity, human weakness, and how growing into deeper love is a life-long journey. What can look like hypocrisy from the outside can in fact be a pilgrimage, a *Camino* walk, when seen within a fuller light of patience and understanding.

Thomas Aquinas, in speaking about union and intimacy, makes this important distinction. He distinguishes between being in union with something or somebody *in actuality* and being in union with that someone or something *through desire*. This has many applications but, applied in this case; it means that sometimes the heart can only go somewhere through desire rather than in actuality. We can believe in the right things and want the right things and still not be able to bring our hearts onside. One example of this is what the old catechisms (in their unique wisdom) used to call "imperfect contrition", that is, the notion that if you have done something wrong that you know is wrong and that you know that you should feel sorry for, but you can't in fact feel sorry for, then *if you can wish that you could feel sorry*, that's contrition enough, not perfect, but enough. It's the best you can do and it puts you at the right place at the level of desire, not a perfect place, but one better than its alternative.

And that "imperfect" place does more for us than simply providing the minimal standard of contrition needed for forgiveness. More importantly it accords rightful dignity to whom and to what we have hurt.

Reflecting on our inability to genuinely love our neighbour, Marilynne Robinson submits that, even in our failure to live up to what Jesus asks of us, if we are struggling honestly, there is some virtue. She argues this way: Freud said that we cannot love our neighbour as ourselves, and no doubt this is true. But since we accept the reality that lies behind the commandment, that our neighbour is as worthy of love as ourselves, then in our very attempt to act on Jesus' demand we are acknowledging that our neighbour is worthy of love even if, at that this point in our lives, we are too weak to provide it.

And that's the crucial point: In continuing to struggle, despite our failures, to live up to Jesus' great commandment of love we acknowledge the dignity inherent in our enemies, acknowledge that they are worthy of love, and acknowledge our own shortcoming. That's "imperfect" of course, but, I suspect, Thomas Aquinas would say it's a start!

Ron Rolheiser, OMI ©

In the loving heart of Jesus Fr Mark Hanns MSC

CATHOLIC STANDARD

The latest issue of the Catholic Standard is available in the Church foyer. **Highlights** include:

- Walk With Christ;
- St Francis' Church in West Tamar Parish for the feast of Corpus Christi;
- Students show devotion to Sacred Heart;
- St Peter Chanel celebrates 40 years with Mass & shared memories;

- Statue donated to St John's Church;
- Meeting Pope Francis;
- Warm welcome and hot food on chilly nights - Penguin/Launceston;
- Euthanasia now legal in Victoria;
- How's your Malayalam?;
 Kingston-Channel Parish embraces multiculturalism;
- Vinnies van for Huonville;
- Executive Director retires.

NOTICES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion will commence shortly. Please pray for our Parish children who are about to commence preparing for First Holy Communion on Sunday, 15th September 2019 at 9:00am. The dates for preparation meetings are:

- Meeting for **PARENTS** only Thursday, 22nd August, at 7:00pm in the Saints Louis and Zelie Parish Centre.
- Presentation to the parish Sunday, 25th August, Mass, 9:00am. Candidates will be presented with a Crucifix during Mass. This will be followed by the First Workshop, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre.
- Presentation of "Our Father" Sunday, 1st September, Mass, 9:00am. Candidates will be presented with the "Our Father" during Mass. This will be followed by the Second Workshop, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre.
- Sunday, 8th September, Mass, 9:00am.
 This will be followed by the **Third Workshop**, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre.
- **Practice** Thursday, 12th September, 6:00pm, for Parents and Candidates, in the Church.
- First Holy Communion Mass, Sunday, 15th September, at 9:00am, for Parents, Candidates and Family.

LEAVING COLLECTION

We will continue to hold a leaving collection to assist the family of 6 children left orphaned by the sudden death of their mother. All funds raised will be made available to the family. So far we have raised \$1,541.95 to assist the family. The children's family here, is seeking to obtain visas for the children to relocate to Australia, but these cost over \$1,200.00 per child.

PETER'S PENCE APPEAL

Thank you for assisting in the Peter's Pence appeal, we have raised \$495.20.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

Thank you for assisting in the St Vincent de Paul winter collection, we have now raised \$692.20.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR ABUSE VICTIMS

We acknowledge all victims of abuse sexual, physical and mental abuse. Our hearts and prayers go out to the victims, their families and those directly and indirectly affected. We pray that with love and support they will be aware that they are not alone in their time of need. With this in mind, our Parish on Thursday 18th July, will be holding a prayer vigil for abuse victims. The Prayer Vigil will be between 5:30pm and 7:00pm in the Church. This invitation is open to all who wish to attend. Let us "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking, if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. Rev 3:20. Live Jesus in our Hearts...Forever.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SEA SUNDAY

NEXT weekend the collection for Sea Sunday will be held. Envelopes will be located on the pews and can be placed into the collection baskets next weekend. This collection assists the ongoing pastoral support to seafaring men, women and their families through the works of the Stella Maris Seafarers Centres (Apostleship of the Sea) across Australia.

ST THERESE'S CRAFT GROUP

The Craft group dates for remainder of 2019 are as follows:- 15th and 29th July, 12th and 26th August, 9th and 23rd September, 7th and 21st October, 4th and 19th November. The group meets every fortnight from 1pm to 3pm in the Church Community Room. A shared afternoon tea is held, so bring a plate to share. All are welcome to come along.

PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN THE **CHURCH**

PPC wishes to keep you informed of organisations representing Catholic Women members and wish for everyone to pray for in the Church. The Office for Participation of new members. Women in the Church has a monthly newsletter which you can register for. Details can be found at https:// www.opw.catholic.org.au/newsletter/fromthe-office. This is in addition to "Catholic Women Speak", who are seeking to bring Catholic women's voices into dialogue with others in the Catholic Church. Their details are at:

www.catholicwomenspeak.com

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

At the Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge Street, Launceston, on Tuesday, 16th July 9.30am a sung Mass for the Solemnity of our Lady of Mount Carmel will be celebrated. The Celebrant and Homilist will be Archbishop Julian Porteous, DD. Morning Tea will be served after Mass. All are welcome to attend. A Novena of Masses and Prayers from the July 7th – 15th will be celebrated and prayed and any intentions may be sent to Mother Teresa Benedicta via post or emailed to

tascarmelvoc@gmail.com.

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP MASS



The Sisters of St Joseph and the Josephite Associates, invite you to a Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, to be held at the Josephite Mission and History Centre, 67 Clare St, New Town on Thursday 8 August 2019 at 7 pm. A Light supper to follow. RSVP: 6228 1628 by 5th August for catering purposes (business hours). All welcome.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS AND PRAYER

The Catholic Women's League is seeking

Grant, I ask you Lord, a blessing on the works performed by the members of the Catholic Women's League. I pray that by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and the intercession of Mary, Help of Christians, more women will become participating members of the Catholic Women's League. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

JOHN WALLIS MEMORIAL LECTURE 2019

Date claimer: The John Wallis Memorial Lecture 2019 will be presented by an experienced educational leader, Deborah Kent. Deborah, the CEO and Principal of Jesuit College of Spirituality, Melbourne, will speak on "CONTINUING THE JOURNEY - charitable engagement with new frontiers" at Guilford Young College (Hobart) on Thursday 12 September, at 7:00pm. All interested people are invited to attend.

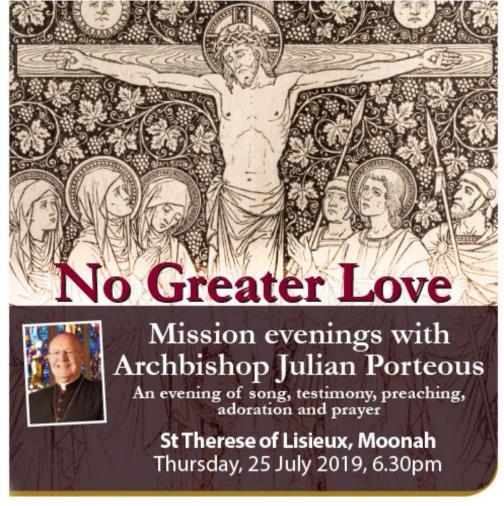
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USTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF) - PERTH 6TH - 11TH **DECEMBER 2019**

The Archdiocese of Hobart has organised a pilgrimage to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Perth! The ACYF is a gathering of young people who come together to celebrate the joy and beauty of the Catholic faith in a setting that is vibrant and engaging. If you want to know more about the ACYF, visit the festival website



below and check out the promo video:

www.acyf.org.au. The "Hobart-Perth
Pilgrimage" is open to all young people from year 9 to 30 years of age and will be held
from 6-11 December. All students will need to register through their Catholic Colleges, whilst young adults between the ages of 18-30 can register at the website below:
https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/acyf-hobart-to-perth-pilgrimage-registration-62123542187. For more information on the

GLENORCHY CITY COUNCIL'S IMPLEMENTATION OF A FORCED FOGO SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

pilgrimage, please see the registration page

or the poster in the church foyer.

While this petition is not against such an introduction of Food Organic & Garden Organic Service, it is against Council not giving the community their democratic right to OPT OUT. Further details and petition are available in the foyer.

PLENARY COUNCIL

The six National Themes for Discernment invite people to reflect, to pray and to consider how God is calling the People of God to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is:

Missionary and Evangelising;



- Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal;
- Prayerful and Eucharistic;
- · Humble, Healing and Merciful;
- A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community; and
- Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform This week we look at "Humble, Healing and Merciful".

"By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." (Luke 1:78-79)

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is humble, healing and merciful?

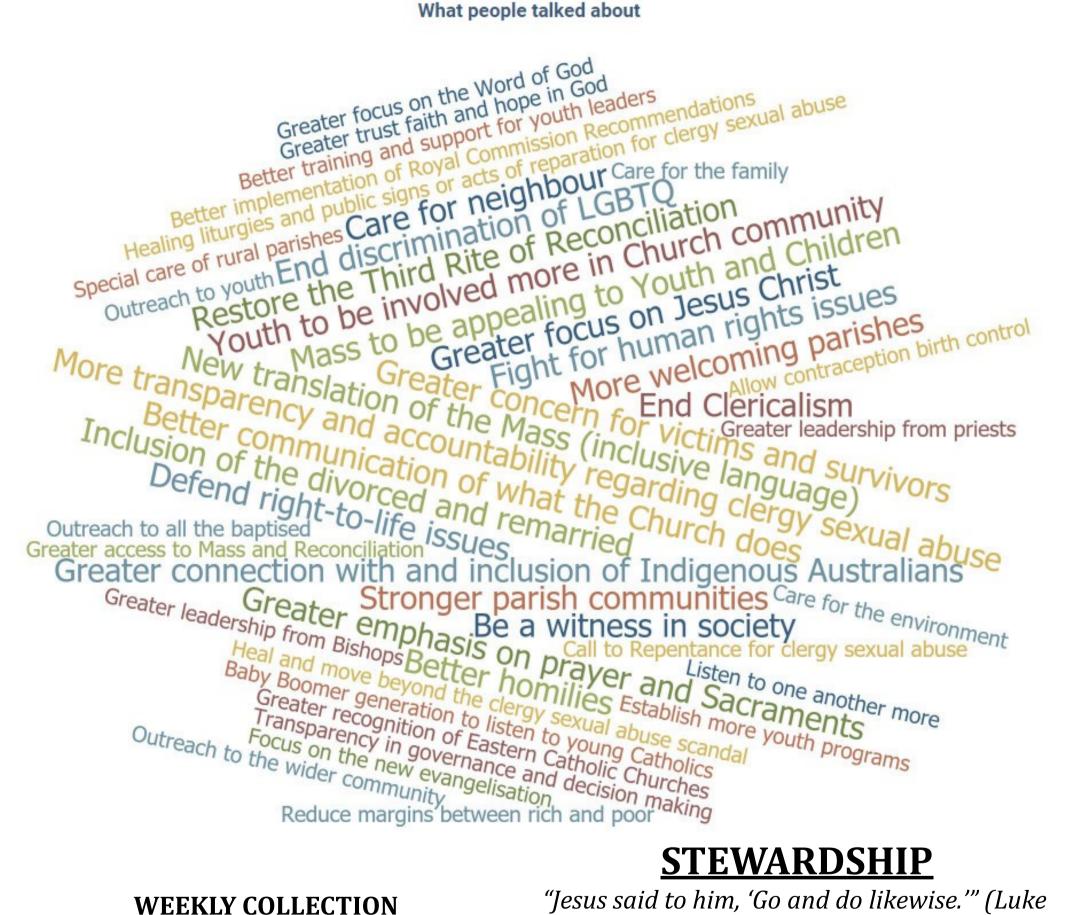
As we move into this second stage of the Plenary Council journey we continue to seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

Beginning in July 2019, we are called to reflect on Scripture, Church teaching and our contemporary situation, in order to discern the answer to this question. The fruits of what is discerned during this time will help shape the agenda of the first session of Plenary Council in October 2020. This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a deep and faith-filled trust

in God and a need for lament and healing abuse crisis as a turning point for the Church prayer and sacramental life and more in Australia. It identified the need for relationship and reconciliation among many as a renewed openness to and sign of God's within the Catholic community, and with the mercy. wider Australian society, particularly with

Australia's First Peoples and with all of within the Church, acknowledging the sexual creation. A desire was expressed for stronger effective outreach to those who seek healing,

What people talked about



WEEKLY COLLECTION

1,287.50 **Envelopes:**

\$ 785.35 Loose:

TOTAL: 2,072.75

Week's Pledged Collections:

\$ 2,538.00

Difference 465.25

Thank You!

STEWARDSHIP

"Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'" (Luke 10:37)

This was Jesus' command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other. The moral of the story is to love our neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know or someone that looks different than you or someone that you don't like. All without expecting anything in return.

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, Joan Horne, Joshua Baric, Paddi McDonald, Chris Poulson, Joe Higgins, Aileen Jones.

Anniversaries

Colleen Pattison, Kathleen Johnson, Fr Michael Tierney, Stephen Almonaitis, Eddy Jakob, Francis Mary Morgan, Rosalie Nemec, Maria Chrost, Fr Brendan Sykes, Robert George Russell, Vladas Mikelaitis, Giuseppe De Cesare, Desmond Henry Lockett, Elizabeth Lypka, James John Cooper, Sydney Grubb (Snr), Fr John Miller, Alice McConnon, Rosario Pace, Email: polishchaplainmoonah@aohtas.org.au Norah Massie, Doreen Klye, William Clare, Theo Driessen, Domenica Passarelli, Herbert Patrick Coad, Maria Czerniawski, Lawrence B McGuinness, Maria Opiniano, Terry Cashion, Paul Monaghan, Urban Haley, Betty Oliver, Fr William Clune, Reginald Halton, Charles Desire, John Arthur Dance, Patrick Adolphus Holloway, Carolina De Narin, Lil Donovan, Jose Gabriel, Ruby Kathleen Desire, Sr Gwen Dooley, Michal Czerniawski, Vittoria Matiello, Gaetano Pace, Jozef Lepak, Emmanuel (Geoff) Van Luxemborg, Denis Shelverton, William (Bill) Louis Dance, Frank Leaman, Francisco Gabriel, Honorata Dzidek, Odo Miller, Denis Daley, Dorothy Emma Hangan, Kevin Cashion, Piotr Krasnicki, Anna Balazs, John Monaghan, Michael L. Hardiner, Jack Ryland, Kathleen Monaghan, Blanche Gamble, Noreen Dednholm, Catherine Clare, Vern Mackey, Betty Hasler, Jan Sadkowski.

Recently Deceased

Kent Smith, Mark Barrington.

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BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES:

By appointment

ARCHDIOCESAN WEBSITE:

www.hobart.catholic.org.au

SAFE COMMUNITIES:

https://hobart.catholic.org.au/content/safe-<u>communities</u>

TOWARDS HEALING HELPLINE:

Phone: 1800 356 613

SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE:

Phone: 03 6231 1811 (Day) (Hobart) or 1800 697 877 (24/7)

03 6334 2740 (Day) (Launceston)

PLENARY COUNCIL:

http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

READINGS

13th/14th July, 2019 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING: (Deuteronomy 30:10-14)

Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

PSALM: (Psalm 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37)

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

SECOND READING: (Colossians 1:15-20)

All things were created through him and for him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (John 6:63, 68)

Alleluia!, Alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Luke 10:25-37)

Who is my neighbour.

MASS TIMES

Monday 15th to Sunday 21st July 2019

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

READINGS/ROSTERS

20th/21st July, 2019 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul

The Lord sustains my soul.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

FIRST READING: (Genesis 18:1-10)

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

PSALM: (Psalm 14:2-5)

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

SECOND READING: (Colossians 1:24-28)

The mystery hidden for centuries has now

been revealed to his saints.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Luke 8:15)

Alleluia!, Alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Luke 10:38-42)

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Saturday 6:30pm

Readers Nathan Shane, Daniel Watson **Ministers** Rebecca Goss, Debbie Large

Projector Anne Thuringer

Sunday 9:00am

Readers Seena Sejan, Maria Rodgers

Ministers Eva Hangan, Paul de Groot

Sick Paul de Groot Projector Izak Hangan

Sunday 4:30pm

Readers Colleen Rakowski, Bill Jacob **Ministers** Carlene Larkin, Melissa Brown

Projector Daniel Duharte

Altar Fran Smith

Cleaning Kerrie Morrisby, Marj Smith

Counters Michael & Eva Hangan