

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 15th April, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

FROM THE PASTOR

CAN YOU LOSE YOUR VOCATION

Recently I received a letter from a man who shared that he was still deeply haunted by a story he'd heard in grade school many years before. One of his religion teachers had read them a story about a priest who went to visit a childhood friend. While staying with his friend, the priest noticed that, while his friend was cheerful and affable enough, he seemed to be harbouring some deep, residual sadness. When he asked his friend about it his friend confessed that he "had lost his salvation" because he had felt a call to priesthood when he was young but had chosen instead to marry. Now, he felt, there was no existential redemption from that. He had had a vocation and lost it and, with that, also lost for good his chance at happiness. Though happily enough married, he felt that he would bear forever the stigma of having been being unfaithful in not accepting his God-given vocation.

I was raised on stories like that. They were part of the Catholicism of my youth. We were taught to believe that God marked out a certain vocation for you, that is, to be a priest, a sister, a married person, or a single person in the world, and if you didn't accept that, once you knew your calling, then you had "missed" or "lost" your vocation and the consequence would be an abiding sadness and even the danger of missing heaven. Such were the vocation stories of my youth, and, truth be told, I went to the seminary to become a priest with that lingering as a shadow in my mind. But it was only a shadow. I didn't enter religious life and priesthood out of fear, though some moral fears did play a part in it, as they should. Fear can also be a healthy thing.

But it can also be unhealthy. It's not healthy to understand both God and your vocation in terms that can have you missing out on happiness and salvation on the basis of a singular choice made while you are still young. God doesn't work like that.

It's true that we are called by God to a vocation which we are meant to discern through conscience, through community, through circumstance, and through the talents that we've been given. For a Christian, existence does not precede essence. We're born with a purpose, with a mission in life. There are many clear texts in scripture on this: Jesus, praying for entire nights to know his Father's will; Peter conscripted on a rock to be led by a belt that will take him where he would rather not go; Paul being led into Damascus and instructed by an elder as to his vocation; Moses being called to do a task because he saw the suffering of the people; and all of us being challenged to use our talents or be stripped of them. We're all called to mission and so each of us has a vocation. We're not morally free to live our lives simply for ourselves.

FROM THE PASTOR

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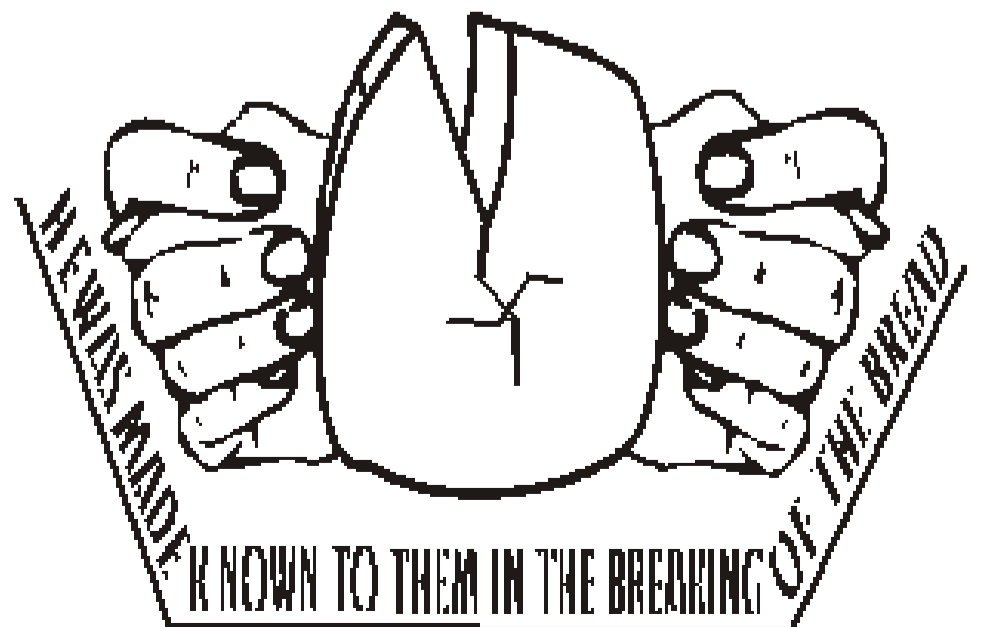
But God doesn't give us just one chance which if we miss it or turn it down will leave us sad forever. No. God opens a new door every time we close one. God gives us 77×7 chances, and more after that, if needed. The question of vocation is not so much a question of guessing right (What very specifically was I predestined for?) but rather a question of giving oneself over in faith and love to the situation that we've chosen (or which more often than not has by circumstance chosen us). We should not live in unhealthy fear about this. God continues to love us and desire our happiness, even when we don't always follow to where we are ideally called.

Recently I heard a homily in a church in which the priest compared God to a GPS, a *Global Positioning System*, that is, that computerised instrument, complete with human voice, that countless people have today in their cars and which gives them ongoing instructions on how to get to their destination. One of its features is this: No matter how many times you disregard or disobey its command, the voice never expresses impatience, yells at you, or gives up on you. It simply says "Recalculating". Sooner or later, no matter how many times you disregard it, it gets you home.

Delightful as is that image, it's still but a very weak analogy in terms of understanding God's patience and forgiveness. None of us should be haunted, long-term, by sadness and fear because we feel that we've missed our vocation, unless we are living a selfish life. Selflessness rather than selfishness, a life in pursuit of service rather than a life in pursuit of comfort, not guessing correctly, constitutes one's vocation. Our Christian vocation is to make what we are in fact living – married, priest, deacon, religious, single in the world – a life of selflessness and service to others. Happiness and salvation are contingent upon that, not upon guessing correctly.

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI ©

In His Heart
Fr Mark MSC



PARISH NOTICES

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

You are invited to join a group of like-minded people, who are thinking about becoming Catholic. 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 in the Chapel in the Parish Centre. The Rosary is prayed between 4:00pm - 5:00pm. **THERE WILL BE NO EXPOSITION on 20th APRIL.**

WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS

Next Sunday is the World Day of Vocations. In his letter for this day, Pope Francis reminds us: "God comes silently and discreetly, without imposing on our freedom. Thus it can happen that his voice is drowned out by the many worries and concerns that fill our minds and hearts." Let us all offer a prayer this week for the young people that we know. Let us pray that they will hear the voices of the Good Shepherd amidst the daily events of their lives.

CRAFTY!!!!

A small group of parishioners meet on a regular basis at Caroline Rakowski's home to make birthday cards for children who have been baptised within the parish, and other cards. If you would like to be part of this group, please contact Caroline on 03 6272 8282.

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.

UPCOMING BOOK PUBLICATION

Paul Maggs was an MSC Priest in the 1980s and ministered here at St Therese's for a couple of years. He has written a book "Dare to Dream ... a personal journey", this book is now available for purchase at \$15.00. The profits from the sale of this book will be donated to Monivale College, Hamilton, Victoria, for the education of indigenous students from the Northern Territory. The book is inspirational, informative and ideal for discussion groups. It has a message for all age groups from senior college students to those in their senior years.

MASSES IN APRIL

This coming week (16-20 April) there will only be the Monday Mass at 9:15am and no other Masses due to all the Clergy of the Archdiocese away at a Plenary. If there is a need for some pastoral need (i.e. Anointing of someone who is dying) Fr Ray Brain (Passionist) can be contacted on 6234 4866 or 6234 4870 or Fr Nicholas Castelyns (Salesian) on 6273 4313 or 6272 6363.

WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMAGE JANUARY 2019

The Archdiocese of Hobart is planning to take young people to the upcoming World Youth Day in Panama, to be held in January 2019. If you are aged between 18-35 years old, please take one of the postcards located in the Church foyer. The estimated cost is around \$5,000 per person. Additionally, if you are interested please see Deacon Michael so planning can be commenced to assist with fundraising towards your attendance.

HOBART HAVEN

All young adults are invited to a new weekly event that will be held in St Mary's Cathedral called Hobart Haven. This event is a chance for young people to get away from the noise and rush of daily life and simply spend some time with Jesus. Hobart Haven will run every Wednesday from 6-7pm at St Mary's Cathedral and will include: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, time for silent prayer, hymns, scripture reflection, chance for Confession and Benediction.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MARYKNOLL **MAY 2018 - A SERIES OF TALKS BY** **FR CHRIS HOPE**

May 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th 10-12 noon
"Peter and the Others" Four talks on the disciples and followers of Jesus. All welcome. For further information, please contact Sr Margaret Henderson RSM on 0418 366 923. Maryknoll Retreat and Conference Centre, 15 Home Avenue Blackmans Bay.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY **22ND April 2016**

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Fr Ruben Martello FSF will lead a Holy Hour praying for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life especially for our Archdiocese at the **Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St., Launceston**, from 2:15pm – 3:15pm. All are welcome to join the Carmelite Community in prayer for this important intention.

THE OLD VIRGILIANS ASSOCIATION

The next luncheon will be held at St. Virgil's College Austins Ferry campus on Tuesday, April 24th from 12noon till 2pm. A two course meal with drinks (\$30) is provided. All Old Virgilians and friends are invited. For catering purposes please advise at email: peter.implach@gmail.com or 0417 032 614. Peter Imlach. Secretary.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST

Couples for Christ Australia are holding their **30th Anniversary National Conference** on 27-29th April, the Albert Hall, 47 Tamar St, Launceston. Couples for Christ Australia seeks to strengthen Catholic families, and to evangelise. They offer formation programs to help men and women mature in their Christian faith and to develop Christian family life. Speakers include Archbishop Porteous, Fr Seraph Balmadres and Alexander Obiorah, and members of CFC Australia. Registrations and information: <https://sites.google.com/view/cfca-national-conference/home>

ST MARY'S COLLEGE 150th ANNIVERSARY **GALA DINNER**

Kick up your heels – it's time to party! We are very excited to announce that tickets to our 150th Anniversary Gala Dinner are now available for purchase. All members of the St Mary's College community are invited to join us in celebrating our major milestone by attending the dinner, which will be held from 5.30pm on Saturday, 12 May 2018 at the Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart. Tickets are \$89 a head (includes three courses and musical entertainment). Book a ticket Go to www.smc.tas.edu.au/150th-anniversary/ to buy your tickets. For more information contact hello@eventsphere.com.au or 0418 325 927.

TASMANIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

The inaugural "Tasmanian Catholic Youth Festival" (TCYF) will be held on May 17th in Hobart with a fantastic line-up of speakers and performers. They include US singer/songwriter and ACYF performer Steve Angrisano, entrepreneur and Oneplate charity founder Therese Nichols. The festival will consist of a day session which will be open to all school students from years 8-12 followed by a night rally that will be open to all young people up to 30 years of age. If you have any questions, please email youth@aohtas.org.au

KENOSIS RETREAT

Kenosis means self emptying and refers to God, putting his divinity aside to come amongst us as a human being. 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. Further information call Anne on 0407704539 or email journallingretreat@iinet.net.au.

PROCLAIM CONFERENCE

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's PROCLAIM Conference on Parish Renewal and Evangelisation will be held in Brisbane, 12-14 July, 2018. Focus areas: Leadership, Culture Change, Young People, Belonging and Evangelisation. Early bird registrations available until 22 April. For information: <http://proclaimconference.com.au/> For those with limited finances, partial sponsorship is available via the National Centre for Evangelisation, email: director@nce.catholic.org.au

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Many, men and women to move on with hope: you are not alone, there is hope after an abortion experience. We can help. Our next Rachel's Vineyard retreat for healing after abortion will be held in Hobart, on August 31st to September 2nd. To speak to someone please call Anne Sherston on the confidential phone lines 03 62298739 0478599241

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

2018 NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. **Commence in Melbourne 23rd October, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 3rd November 2018. COST EX HOBART: \$3,355.00** (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). **A SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$700.00.** For further information, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 0417 683123 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CRAFT SHOP

The Catholic Women's League Craft Shop is located in Mathers Place, 108 Bathurst Street and is open Monday to Friday 10:00am to 3:00pm. Phone Enquiries on 03 6234 1513. This shop is stocked with affordable goods—knitting for babies, toddlers, shawls, tea cosies, caps, bed socks, handcrafted toys, tea towels etc., cards for all occasions and many more, seeing is believing. All proceeds enable the Catholic Women's League to donate to several charities.

HOBBY MIX'S STANDARD GRADE COCO-PEAT

If you are interested in purchasing Coco-peat blocks these are now available from a local parishioner, who is financing herself through university, by calling 0426 496 864. The Coco-peat is available for \$12.00 per block or 4 blocks for \$10.00 each. Further information visit www.hobbymix.com.au or email info@hobbymix.com.au or calling 0426 496 864.

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 1,460.60
Loose:	\$ 1,004.75
TOTAL:	\$ 2,465.35
<u>Week's Budget Collections:</u>	<u>\$ 2,538.00</u>
LOSS	-\$ 72.65

Thank You!

STEWARDSHIP

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..." – LUKE 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

The Author of Life (Acts 3:13-15,17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48)

In the weeks leading up to Easter, I had the privilege of celebrating three Golden Jubilees of weddings. In each case, the atmosphere was like the moment of the marriage. Yet it was fifty years of learning, living and loving that were celebrated on these occasions. The greetings and the recognition were a wonderful time for all those present. They were occasions for the whole community to celebrate. The

excitement is hard to contain.

Easter celebration of Resurrection is like that. In today's gospel the disciples, who recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread at Emmaus, rushed back to Jerusalem to tell their story. They could not contain themselves. The whole group was talking about the Risen Jesus. They were excited. They all talked at once. "They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them: Peace be with you! They thought they were seeing a ghost.' All the former sightings of Jesus were forgotten. They were alarmed and frightened. 'Why are you so agitated?' Jesus asked them. 'And why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves. A ghost has not flesh and bones as you can see that I have.' He asks for something to eat. Meals are always a sign of life and communion.

There is an emphasis on the unity between the historical Jesus and the risen Christ. The Lord repeats what he has told them before (v.44). Now they understand him better, and their minds are opened to the scriptures. They clearly see that their task is to be witnesses to the message and the resurrection of the Lord 'beginning from Jerusalem' (v.48), the city where he was executed. For Luke, it is from there that the victory over death is to be proclaimed.

Believing in the risen One involves affirming and communicating life. If we do not share life, our love of God has not reached perfection (1 Jn 2:5). Giving life means many things, including something seemingly simple. The Lord asks us to feed others. Let us hope that we will always have a 'piece of grilled fish' to share.

Noel Mansfield, msc ©



Jesus came and stood among them.
Artist Annie Vallotton ©

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

*Thanh Huynh, Shirley Lehner, Susan Wilson,
Fr Peter Nicholls, Josh Stokes, Lise Levaque,
Mary Hughes, Drina Paradzik,
Jay Jennings, Olga Woods, Tony Dalton,
Elsa Bazan, Bev Murray, Kayden Edwards,
Marie Morrisby, Marian Zieba,
Alan O'Rourke, Lorna Brazendale,
Leo Manning, Genowefa Grzegorzczuk,
Felicity Matthews, Marie Knight.*

Anniversaries

*Basilio Gabriel, Kathleen Brooks,
Mavis Brown, Elvie Knights, Shane Pullen,
James P. Scanlon, Colin Higgins,
Marcin Jablonski, Patrick Jacobs,
Mollie A. Reid, Bridget Agnes Imlach,
Alice Miller, Walenty Ejlak, Maria Bidejowski,
Fr Paul Flemming, Giovanni Lindo,
Stefan Brzyski, Br Gordon Morgan MSC,
Bortolo Luigi Gesiotto,
Sr Mary Honorata Scanlon, Syd Riley,
Darcy Cooper, Tony Andrikonis,
Janine Smith, Eleonora Szczypior,
Cedric Davey, Peter Wells, Michael Mika,
Doris Kathleen Coad, Stanley Reynolds,
Doris Aiken, Jozef Gawlik,
Antioco Fonollera Abueva,
Jadwiga E. Mianowski, Julia Maud Button,
Noel Holloway, David Oliver, Sydney Higgins,
Loreto Gabriel.*

Recently Deceased

Heather McGuinness.

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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

15th April, 2018

3rd Sunday of Easter—Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING: (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19)

You killed the prince of life; God, however,
raised him from the dead.

PSALM: (Psalm 4:2, 4, 7, 9)

Lord, let your face shine on us.

SECOND READING: (1 John 2:1-5)

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away
our sins and those of the whole world.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Luke 24:32)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you
speak.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Luke 24:35-48)

It is written that the Christ would suffer and
on the third day rise from the dead.

MASS TIMES

Monday 9th to Sunday 15th April 2018

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

READINGS/ROSTERS

22nd April, 2018

4th Sunday of Easter—Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were
made, alleluia.

FIRST READING: (Acts 4:8-12)

This is the only name by which we can be
saved.

PSALM: (Psalm 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29)

The stone rejected by the builders has
become the cornerstone.

SECOND READING: (1 John 3:1-2)

We shall see God as he is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (John 10:14)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (John 10:11-18)

The good shepherd lays down his life for his
sheep.

Saturday 6:30pm

Readers Margaret Henderson,
Debbie Large/Daniel Watson

Ministers Phil Blake, Donna Bone

Projector Anne Thuringer

Sunday 9:00am

Readers Aleksandra Lejda,
Peter Van Loggerenberg

Ministers Fadi Elbarbar, Eva Hangan

Sick Mark Hanns

Projector Maureen Pangrazzi

Sunday 4:30pm

Readers Peter Flint, Carlene Larkin

Ministers Melissa Brown, Carol Kitt

Projector Eva Hangan

Altar Monica Sianski, Victoria Maty

Cleaning Kerrie Morrisby, Marj Smith

Counters Eva & Michael Hangan