

# St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish



## Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

# Sunday, 15th December, 2019

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

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

### JUSTICE AND CHARITY - REVISITED

We're all familiar, I suspect, with the difference between justice and charity. Charity is giving away some of your time, energy, resources, and person so as to help, to others in need. And that's an admirable virtue, the sign of a good heart. Justice, on the other hand, is less about directly giving something away than it is about looking to change the conditions and systems that put others in need.

No doubt, we're all familiar with the little parable used to illustrate this difference. In brief, it goes like this: A town situated on the edge of a river finds itself confronted every day by a number of bodies floating downstream in the river. The townsfolk tend to the bodies, minister to those who are alive and respectfully bury the dead. They do this for years, with good hearts; but, through all those years, none of them ever journey up the river to look at why there are wounded and dead bodies floating in the river each day. The townsfolk are good-hearted and charitable, but that in itself isn't changing the situation that's bringing them wounded and dead bodies daily. As well, the charitable townsfolk aren't even remotely aware that their manner of life, seemingly completely unconnected to the wounded and dead bodies they're daily attending to, might in fact be contributing to the cause of those lost lives and dreams and that, good-hearted as they are, they may be complicit in something that's harming others, even while it's affording them the resources and wherewithal to be charitable.

The lesson here is not that we shouldn't be charitable and good-hearted. One-to-one charity, as the parable of the Good Samaritan makes clear, is what's demanded of us, both as humans and as Christians. The lesson is that being good-hearted alone is not enough. It's a start, a good one, but more is asked of us. I suspect most of us already know this, but perhaps we're less conscious of something less obvious, namely, that our very generosity itself might be contributing to a blindness that lets us support (and vote for) the exact political, economic, and cultural systems which are to blame for the wounded and dead bodies we're attending to in our charity.

That our own good works of charity can help blind us to our complicity in injustice is something highlighted in a recent book by Anand Giridharada, *Winners Take All: The Elite Charade of Changing the World*. In a rather unsettling assertion, Giridharada submits that *generosity can be, and often is, a substitute for and a means of avoiding the necessity of a more just and equitable system and fairer distribution of power*. Charity, wonderful as it is, is

not yet justice; a good heart, wonderful as it is, in not yet good policy that serves the less-privileged; and philanthropy, wonderful as it is, can have us confuse the charity we're doing with the justice that's asked of us. For this reason among others, Giridharada submits that public problems should not be privatised and relegated to the domain of private charity, as is now so often the case.

Christiana Zenner, reviewing his book in *America*, sums this up by saying: "Beware of the temptation to idealise a market or an individual who promises salvation without attending to the least among us and without addressing the conditions that facilitated the domination in the first place." Then she adds: When we see the direct violation of another person, a direct injustice, we're taken aback, but the unfairness and the perpetrator are obvious. We see that something is wrong and we can see who is to blame. But, and this is her real point, when we live with unjust systems that violate others we can be blind to our own complicity because we can feel good about ourselves because our charity is helping those who have been violated.

For example: Imagine I'm a good-hearted man who feels a genuine sympathy for the homeless in my city. As the Christmas season approaches I make a large donation of food and money to the local food bank. Further still, on Christmas day itself, before I sit down to eat my own Christmas dinner, I spend several hours helping serve a Christmas meal to the homeless. My charity here is admirable, and I cannot help but feel good about what I just did. And what I did was a good thing! But then, when I support a politician or a policy that privileges the rich and is unfair to the poor, I can more easily rationalise that I'm doing my just part and that I have a heart for the poor, even as my vote itself helps ensure that there will always be homeless people to feed on Christmas day.

Few virtues are as important as charity. It's the sign of a good heart. But the deserved good feeling we get when we give of ourselves in charity shouldn't be confused with the false feeling that we're really doing our part.

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI ©

In the Heart of Jesus

Fr Mark Hanns MSC



# **NOTICES**

## **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

The Mass times for Christmas and New Year are available in the Church Foyer.

## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

The St Therese's Conference St Vincent de Paul wished to thank everyone who has assisted in providing donations of food and other items the 2019 Christmas Hampers. Your donations will assist 70 families this Christmas. Hampers will be delivered between the 16th-20th December. If you are able to assist please see or contact Deacon. You will not have to deliver on your own as a St Therese's Conference member will travel with you.

## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL ASSIST-A-STUDENT**

St Vincent de Paul Assist-a-Student is an education program aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty. If you are able to assist please see the brochures available in the church foyer.

## **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Friday after the 12 noon Mass until 4:00pm in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Chapel in the Parish Centre.

## **PARISH MEMORIAL BOOK**

Our Parish Memorial Book is being updated. If you wish for your loved ones or family members to be included please give these to Deacon Michael, before the 20th January.

## **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL POOR BOX**

In the foyer of the Church is located the Saint Vincent de Paul poor box. All monies added to the poor box go directly to those who need assistance within the St Therese's Conference area.

## **VOLUNTEER ROSTERS CHRISTMAS MASSES AND JANUARY**

Volunteers for all Masses are needed for the Christmas Masses and throughout January. Sheets are available in Church foyer, if you could add your name to assist would be appreciated.

## **PARISH SUBSCRIPTION TO 'FORMED'**

We're pleased to announce the availability of 'FORMED', an online service for accessing thousands of Catholic videos, audios and ebooks On Demand anytime, anywhere! As a parishioner, you will have access to entertaining movies, inspiring audio talks, informative bible studies, and much more. We are providing this resource free of charge to help our parishioners learn and grow in their faith. You will be able to easily access any featured content that we are promoting within our parish community from time to time. So please join us. Also once you have signed up, don't forget to download the free iOS or Android app to put 'FORMED' at your fingertips. We hope you will enjoy this incredible gift and please spread the word to others. To sign up for FREE, just visit us here: <https://stthereseemoonahlutana.formed.org> then click "Register now" and follow the prompts for your own access to all 'FORMED' content on demand. If any parishioner has a personal 'FORMED' account, you might consider cancelling it, using the parish one and donating what you save towards the parish account. If you have any issue please see Deacon Michael on 0438 243 533.

## **PIETY SHOP**

To the left of the statue of Saint Therese in the Church foyer, is located the Parish Piety Shop. The Piety Shop sells a range of cards, birthday, baptism, confirmation etc. and other religious items. All proceeds go to Saint Vincent de Paul. We have received a supply of Christmas Cards for sale.

## **2020 JOSEPHITE CALENDARS**

A few of the 2020 Josephite calendars are available for sale for just \$9.00. See Deacon Michael or Eva.

## **2020 MSC MISSION CALENDARS**

The 2020 MSC Mission calendars are available in the Church foyer. The calendars are free, but if you would like to make a donation to MSC Missions please place into the collection bucket beside the calendars.

## **FAREWELL CLERGY LUNCH FOR FR MARK**

A farewell clergy luncheon will be held in the Parish on Saturday, 11th January 2020. If anyone would like to help in preparing and serving the lunch, please see Deacon Michael.

## **CHRISTMAS ISSUE CATHOLIC STANDARD**

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

- \* Renewal of consecration by Palavra Viva members
- \* Christmas photo spread
- \* Tassie pilgrims at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival
- \* New Business Manager appointed to the Archdiocese of Hobart
- \* Missionary Sisters of Christ the King celebrate 25 years serving in Tasmania
- \* St Mary's Cathedral lit up red for persecuted Christians.
- \* University ministry in Launceston and Hobart
- \* Farewell to Fr Mark Hanns MSC
- \* Missionary Sisters of Service conclude 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations
- \* Christmas Mass times across the Archdiocese

## **CAROLS ON THE HILL - TICKETS**

Tickets to the Archdiocese of Hobart's Carols on the Hill event in Hobart are now available to order online. Supported by the City of Hobart, Carols on the Hill is a free, traditional outdoor carols event specifically

designed for families to share in the joyful spirit of Christmas. The event will be staged at the Hobart campus of Guilford Young College on Saturday, 21st December from 7pm to 9pm, with gates opening at 5.30pm. The oval is secure and can comfortably hold around 1200 people, making it an ideal venue for families with children. **How to order your tickets.** Entry to Carols on the Hill is free; however, attendees must order tickets through an official website. A valid email address is required to order tickets.

- Individuals can order up to a maximum of six (6) tickets.
- A single general admission ticket must be reserved for each & every attendee (adults & children)
- Tickets are free. There are no costs involved when ordering tickets.
- You can choose to receive tickets by email that requires printing, or electronic tickets delivered to your smart phone or tablet.
- Tickets are available once you accept the event Terms & Conditions on the ticketing website.

**To reserve your tickets, go to [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au) and search for 'Carols on the Hill'.**

## **ROOM TO RENT MOONAH**

Maria Luu has a room to rent at 96 Albert Road, Moonah. If you know someone who might be interested call Maria on 0409 496 278.

## **COMMUNITY ROOM LIBRARY**

The Community Room library is available for borrowing (and returning) of books. All books have been stamped and a coloured dot. If you would like to borrow a book please record into the borrowing book with your name and phone number and when returning place a line through your entry. We unfortunately don't require any more books for the library at this point in time, Thank You.

## **IMMACULATA MISSION SCHOOL 2020**

The Immaculate Mission School 2020 is a ten day live-in formation school for young people, with talks on the faith from awesome speakers, daily Mass & prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, praise & worship, fun & fellowship & lots more! From 1st -10th January, 2020, at The Glennie School, Toowoomba. It is open to 15-35 year olds. The cost is \$450 (cost includes all accommodation, food, speakers and activities). **For more info or to register:** [www.sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims](http://www.sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims).

## **MADE FOR EACH OTHER SUMMER SCHOOL: JANUARY 20-24 IN HOBART**

The Made for Each Other Summer School will be held from January 20-24, 2020 at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart. It will be a unique event for young Catholics aged 18-35. The Summer School will offer a series of lectures from a well-qualified faculty, group discussions, field trips, prayer time and social occasions to create a unique experience of the beauty, goodness and truth of the Church's teaching on relationships, sexuality, marriage and the family. For more information please contact Ben Smith on 6208 6036 or [ben.smith@aohtas.org.au](mailto:ben.smith@aohtas.org.au). A web page with detailed information on the event can be viewed at: [www.bit.ly/2oCtnOU](http://www.bit.ly/2oCtnOU).

### **GOD WITH US**

Isaiah 7:10-14, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-24

Research has revealed that babies dream through their time in their mother's womb and then they continue to dream in the long hours that they sleep as young children. As we get older, dreams become shorter. But they are no less significant. People tend to think that dreams are just a waste of time. Why record one's dreams? Why worry about one's dreams?

In the Scriptures, dreams are a common way of God's revelation. Israel dreamed about the future of the nation. Joseph was a

great interpreter of dreams. Because of this, he was able to receive his whole family into Egypt and have them welcomed in a foreign country.

This Sunday's gospel presents the first of four dreams that Joseph, the husband of Mary, has. In this dream it is revealed to him the role he has to play in the life of the Messiah. The other three dreams are: a. that he is to take Mary and the child into Egypt (2:13); b. that he is to bring them back from Egypt because it is now safe (2:19-20); and c. that he is to settle in Galilee rather than Judea. (2:22)

This first dream reveals that Joseph is not 'to be afraid to take Mary into his home as his wife. Hence we are at the moment of Jesus' conception. There is a definite relationship between the Holy Spirit and the conception of Jesus. 'It is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her.' Joseph is faced with a dilemma. His betrothed wife is pregnant and the Jewish law states that she is to be stoned to death. Joseph's response is one of compassion. He decides 'to divorce her quietly.' Joseph is the compassionately righteous man.

Righteousness in the Old Testament means to conduct oneself in accordance with the law. Since God is the giver of the Law, to seek righteousness is to seek God (Is 51:1). In acting this way, Joseph found the Son of God present in Mary's womb. This is Emmanuel – God with us. When we conduct ourselves rightly, we find God.

*Noel Mansfield, msc ©*

## THE WAY TO ST JAMES PILGRIMAGE 2020

The Way to St James Pilgrimage is on again in 2020, and [registrations are now open](#).

Inspired by the famous Spanish El Camino of St James this two day pilgrim walk will take you through the scenic and peaceful Huon Valley to a celebration at the Spanish mission styled Church of St James, nestled in the heart of Cygnet.

Through fellowship, reflection, rejoicing and ritual you will find an opportunity to reconnect with the spiritual dimensions of your life.

The pilgrimage commences on Saturday 11th January 2020 at 10.30am from the Mountain River Community Hall, and finishes on Sunday 12th January 2020 at approx. 5pm at St James Church, Cygnet in the midst of the wonderful Cygnet Folk Festival.

For further details, and to register go to: [www.waytostjames.com.au](http://www.waytostjames.com.au)

Or visit us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/waytostjamescygnet/>

### **STEWARDSHIP**

*"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."  
(James 5:8)*

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

#### **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Envelopes: \$ 1,417.00

Loose: \$ 916.85

**TOTAL: \$ 2,333.85**

Week's Pledged Collections:

\$ 2,538.00

**Difference \$ 204.15**

**Thank You!**

## **LET US PRAY FOR**

### ***The Sick***

Thanh Huynh, Shirley Lehner, Olga Woods, Susan Wilson, Lise Levaque, Mary Hughes, Drina Paradzik, Jay Jennings, Tony Dalton, Elsa Bazan, Bev Murray, Kayden Edwards, Lorna Brazendale, Leo Manning, Jan Grubb, Alicia Stroud, Aileen Jones, Paddi McDonald, Peter van Loggerenberg, Joe Higgins, Gracie Manson.

### ***Anniversaries***

Jan Rodziewicz, Margaret Belcher, Rozalina Hajduk, Kerry Jones, Aleksander Bidejowski, Win Manning, Samuel George Lyden, Ray Voss, Gwen Kelly, Andrew Clifford, Veronica May Jones, Christopher Davey, Mark Davey, Fr Kevin Graydon, Von Jenkins, Zofia Jablonski, Augustyn Celny, Arthur Manning, Paul Duggan, Josephine (Betty) Taylor, Iris Daley, Bruce Malm, Tom Aiken, Stan Ryan, Barbara McMaster, John B. Driessen, Fredrick Harry Butler, Gilles Jacobus Stokman, Ernie McGuinness, Iris Burnett, Annie Winifred Williams, Stefan Chrost, Wladyslaw Dorzdz, Geoffrey Brazendale, Oliver John (Jack) Baker, Herminio Gabriel, Nellie Cashion, Anna Catharina Stokman, Charles John Devereux, Eileen Hardinge, Anna Balazs, Reginald Herbert Watson, Wasyl Haluszak, Harold Vivian Halton, Jan (John) Rakowski, Susane Hansch, Jean Mary Round, Michael Duggan.

### ***Recently Deceased***

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## **RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday 11:00am-11:30am

## **BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES:**

By appointment

## **ARCHDIOCESAN WEBSITE:**

[www.hobart.catholic.org.au](http://www.hobart.catholic.org.au)

## **SAFE COMMUNITIES:**

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

## **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

*14th/15th December, 2019*

*Third Sunday of Advent*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** (Philippians 4:4-5)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.

Indeed, the Lord is near.

**FIRST READING:** (Isaiah 35:1-6, 10)

God himself will come and save us.

**PSALM:** (Psalm 145:6-10)

Lord, come and save us.

**SECOND READING:** (James 5:7-10)

You also must be patient: do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (Isaiah 61:1, Luke 4:18)

Alleluia!, Alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** (Matthew 11:2-11)

Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

## MASS TIMES

**Monday 15th to Sunday 22nd December**  
**2019**

	<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

## READINGS/ROSTERS

*21st/22nd December, 2019*

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** (Isaiah 45:8)

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a  
Saviour.

**FIRST READING:** (Isaiah 7:10-14)

The virgin will conceive.

**PSALM:** (Psalm 23:1-6)

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

**SECOND READING:** (Romans 1:1-7)

Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son  
of God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (Matthew 1:23)

Alleluia!, Alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;  
his name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** (Matthew 1:18-24)

Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of  
Joseph, a son of David.

**Saturday 6:30pm**

**Readers** Gerry McGushin, Debbie Large

**Ministers** Phil Blake, Rebecca Goss

**Projector** Chris K

**Sunday 9:00am**

**Readers** Peter van Loggerenberg,  
Marty Ogle

**Ministers** Simone McManus,  
Maureen Pangrazzi

**Sick** Maureen Pangrazzi

**Projector** Izak Hangan

**Sunday 4:30pm**

**Readers** Kerrie Morrisby, Bill Jacob

**Ministers** Carlene Larkin, Melissa Brown

**Projector** Daniel Duharte

**Altar** Polish Community

**Cleaning** Polish Community

**Counters** Kaye Wood, Marie Anders