

# 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 October, 2017**

**28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**



## **FROM THE PASTOR**

### **ON BEING LOVED SINNERS**

We're strange creatures, more lovely than we think and more sinful than we imagine, too hard and too easy on ourselves all at the same time.

Human nature is a curious mix. On the one hand, we're better than we think and this beauty and goodness doesn't just come because, deep down, we're made in the image and likeness of God or because, as Plato and Aristotle say, we're metaphysically good. That's true, but our loveliness is also less abstract. We're beautiful too, at least most of the time, in our human and moral qualities.

Most of the time, in fact, we are quite generous, often to a fault. As well, most of the time too, despite appearances, we're warm and hospitable. The same is true in terms of the desire and scope of our embrace, both of our minds and our hearts. Inside of everyone, easily triggered by the slightest touch of love or affirmation, lies a big heart, a grand soul, a MAGNA ANIMA, that's just itching to show itself. Mostly the problem isn't with our goodness, but with our frustration in trying to live out that goodness in the world. Too often we look cold and self-centred when we're only hurt and wounded.

We don't always look good, but we are. Mostly we're frustrated precisely because we cannot (for reasons of circumstance, wound, and sensitivity) pour out our goodness as we would like nor embrace the world and those around us with the warmth that's in us. We go through life looking for a warm place to show who we are and mostly don't find it. We're not so much bad as frustrated. We're more lovely than we dare imagine.

That's the half of it, there's another side: We're sinners too, more so than we think. An old Protestant dictum about human nature, based upon St. Paul, puts it accurately: "It's not a question of are you a sinner? It's only a question of what is your sin?" We're all sinners and, just as we possess a big heart and a grand soul, we also possess a petty one (a PUSILLA ANIMA). Inside us too, congenitally, there's selfishness, jealousy, and a pettiness of heart and mind that is never far from the surface.

Moreover, generally, we are blind to our real faults. As Jesus says, we too easily see the speck on our neighbour's eye and miss the plank in our own. There's a real contradiction here: Where we think we're sinners is usually not the place where others struggle the most with us and where our real faults lie. Conversely it's in those areas where we think we're virtuous and righteous that, most often, our real sin lies and where others struggle with us.

# **FROM THE PASTOR**

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For example, we have always put a lot of emphasis on the 6th commandment, sexual ethics, and haven't been nearly as self-scrutinising in regards to the fifth commandment (that deals with bitterness, judgements, anger, and hatred) or with the 9th and 10th commandments (that have to do with jealousy). It's not that sexual ethics are unimportant, but our failures here are easier to see and harder to rationalise. The same isn't true for bitterness, anger, especially righteous anger, nor for jealousy. We can more easily rationalise these and not notice that jealousy is the only sin that God felt it necessary to prohibit in two commandments. We're worse than we imagine and mostly blind to our real faults.

So where does that leave us? In better and worse shape than we think! Recognising that we're more lovely than we imagine and at the same time more sinful than we suppose can be helpful, both for our self-understanding and for how we understand God's love and grace in our lives.

Aristotle used to say that "two contraries cannot exist within the same subject". He's right metaphysically, but two contraries do exist inside of us morally. We're both good and bad, generous and selfish, big-hearted and petty, gracious and bitter, forgiving and resentful, hospitable and cold, full of grace and full of sin, all at the same time. Moreover we're dangerously blind to both, too unaware of our loveliness as well as our nastiness.

To recognise this is both humbling and freeing. In essence, we're, "loved sinners". Both goodness and sin constitute our real identity. Not to recognise the truth of either leaves us either unhealthily depressed or dangerously inflated, too hard on ourselves or too easy on ourselves. The truth will set us free and the truth about ourselves is that we're both better and worse than we picture ourselves to be.

Robert Funk once formulated three dictums on grace that capture this well:

- \*Grace always wounds from behind, at the point where we think we are least vulnerable.
- \*Grace is harder than we think: we moralise judgement in order to take the edge off it.
- \*Grace is more indulgent than we think: but it is never indulgent at the point where we think it might be indulgent.

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Fr Mark Hanns MSC

# **PARISH NOTICES**

## **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.

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

Sacramental preparation for FIRST RECONCILIATION will commence shortly. Enrolment forms are available from the Parish or School Office. Please pray for our Parish children who are preparing for First Reconciliation on Thursday, 7th December 2017 at 6:30pm. The dates for preparation meetings are:

- For Parents Only—**Thursday, 16th November**; 7:00pm in the Saints Louis & Zelig Martin Parish Centre.
- For Parents and Children - **Sunday, 19th November**; 9:00am Mass Presentation to the Parish and at approx. 10:15am in the Saints Louis & Zelig Martin Parish Centre – 1st Workshop.
- For Parents and Children - **Sunday, 26th November**; 9:00am Mass and at approx. 10:15am in the Saints Louis & Zelig Martin Parish Centre – 2nd Workshop.
- For Parents and Children - **Sunday, 3rd December**; 9:00am Mass and at approx. 10:15am in the Saints Louis & Zelig Martin Parish Centre – 3rd Workshop.
- **Thursday, 7th December** First Reconciliation at 6:30pm in the Church.

## **AFL FOOTY MARGIN TICKET WINNERS**

Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket in the fundraiser for sending to parish pilgrims to the ACYF in Sydney. We have got one winner for the \$250 Red ticket in Marlene Horne. We are still looking for the winner of the black ticket with the winning number of 48 (margin of AFL Grand Final), so check your tickets and see either Deacon Michael or Eva Hangan. You could be the winner of \$250.

## **NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS**

During the month of November, Masses are offered for the Souls of the Faithful Departed. At the entrance of the Church are “November Mass Offering” envelopes. If you would like a Mass to be offered for someone please complete and add to the normal collections over the next few weekends in October. A schedule will then be arranged for a Mass to be celebrated during the month of November.

## **PARISH MEMORIAL BOOK**

Our Parish Memorial Book is about to be updated. Please forward the names of family members whom you would like included, to Deacon Michael before 21st December.

## **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be on Monday, 16th October at 5:30pm in the Church Community Room.

## **PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The next meeting of the Parish Finance Council will be on Wednesday, 18th October at 5:45pm in the St Joseph's Room, Parish Centre.

## **MSC MISSION COLLECTION**

A big thank you to the Parish, from the MSC Mission Office for the collection of \$1766.90 over the last two weekends.

**JOHN WALLIS FOUNDATION YEARLY  
BARBEQUE AND PICNIC**

You're invited to the Picnic with activities for all—Babies to Grannies. **Sunday, 22nd October 2017, 10am - 2pm, Waterworks Reserve Site 9, Ridgeway, Hobart.** Sausages, bread and sauce supplied. Please contribute salad or fruit or a sweet, if you are able. Bring friends and meet new ones! RSVP by 18<sup>th</sup> Oct: Eva Dunn, 0417734503, [eva.dunn@gmail.com](mailto:eva.dunn@gmail.com).

**DIRECTED RETREAT AND INDIVIDUAL  
DAYS OF REFLECTION "TO KNOW THE  
SHEPHERD" - MARYKNOLL RETREAT  
CENTRE**

Our annual directed retreat will be held from 28th October - 4th November. You are welcome to come and stay for the entire time or for individual days, as each day will stand alone with its content. For more information or a retreat brochure please contact Sr Margaret Henderson RSM on 0418 366 923 or [mm.henderson@bigpond.com](mailto:mm.henderson@bigpond.com)

**CAROLS ON THE HILL - 17 DEC 2017 - GYC  
OVAL BARRACK ST, HOBART**

**Calling all Christmas lovers!!** Do you love singing? Do you love singing about Christmas? Yes? Then we need you!!! **Carols on the Hill 2017** is an Archdiocese of Hobart outdoor carol event, and we are putting together an event choir specially for the night. We are looking for people in our parish communities to be involved. There will be 3 rehearsals leading up to the day. Music and rehearsal CD available mid-October. To express interest and for further information, please contact [luci.macfarlane@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:luci.macfarlane@catholic.tas.edu.au) or 0407 095 964.

**THE WAY TO ST JAMES (CYGNET)  
THE CAMINO OF THE SOUTH**

After the successful pilgrimage in 2017, it is announced that the 2018 pilgrimage will be held on 12-13 January 2018. 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. To find out more visit [www.waytostjames.com.au](http://www.waytostjames.com.au) or take a flyer from the church foyer.

**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@griegtogracesaus.org.au](mailto:info@griegtogracesaus.org.au) or phone 0407704539. For more information visit [www.griegtogracesaus.org](http://www.griegtogracesaus.org)

**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.

**ASSISTANCE REQUIRED  
SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATION**

Short term (2 – 3 Weeks) properties are needed for housing newly arrived former refugees. This is one-off, but these mainly family groups need self-contained furnished places within reach of CatholicCare services. If you can help, please contact James Norman on 6278 1660 or 0457 755 964.

## **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.



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Is this?  
And whose  
Inscription?*

### **PAYING TRIBUTE TO CAESAR**

**(IS 45:1.4-6; 1 THES 1:1-5; MT 22:15-21)**

If you wander into a casino or an hotel with poker machines, you will see people looking seriously at a set of pictures spinning around. Those pictures represent the pull of the almighty dollar. Or you can simply sit in your lounge chair and watch people trying to be millionaires by answering a few questions. The attraction of wealth is there for all of us.

Today's gospel places this fatal attraction in focus. The Pharisees make a pact with their traditional enemies, the Herodians. Herod collaborated with the Romans and was therefore an enemy of the Jews. Together they are out to trap Jesus. They are looking for a way to catch him out in what he says. Then they will be able to arrest him and hand him over to the Roman authorities.

They begin their questioning with obvious sarcasm: "Master, we know that

I HAVE  
CALLED  
YOU  
BY  
NAME



you are an honest man! ...Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" they ask. If Jesus says yes, then they can accuse him of being in favour of the Romans. If he says no, then he is opposed to Rome. They have him trapped whichever way he responds. Jesus responds in a way they do not expect. He asks for a coin and then puts the question: Whose head is on the coin? Or who owns the coin? Caesar's head on the coin indicates that Caesar owns the money.

In the Pharisees' question, there is the possible insinuation of not paying the tax and so keeping the money for themselves. But Jesus is going to the root: it is necessary to eradicate all dependence on wealth. It is not only a question of breaking with the political domination of the emperor; it is necessary to break with the oppression that comes from the attachment to this wealth and the possibility of exploiting others. Jesus tells them to give the money back to Caesar and so be liberated from their attachment to wealth. Only then will they be able to worship the true God and give him what belongs to him.

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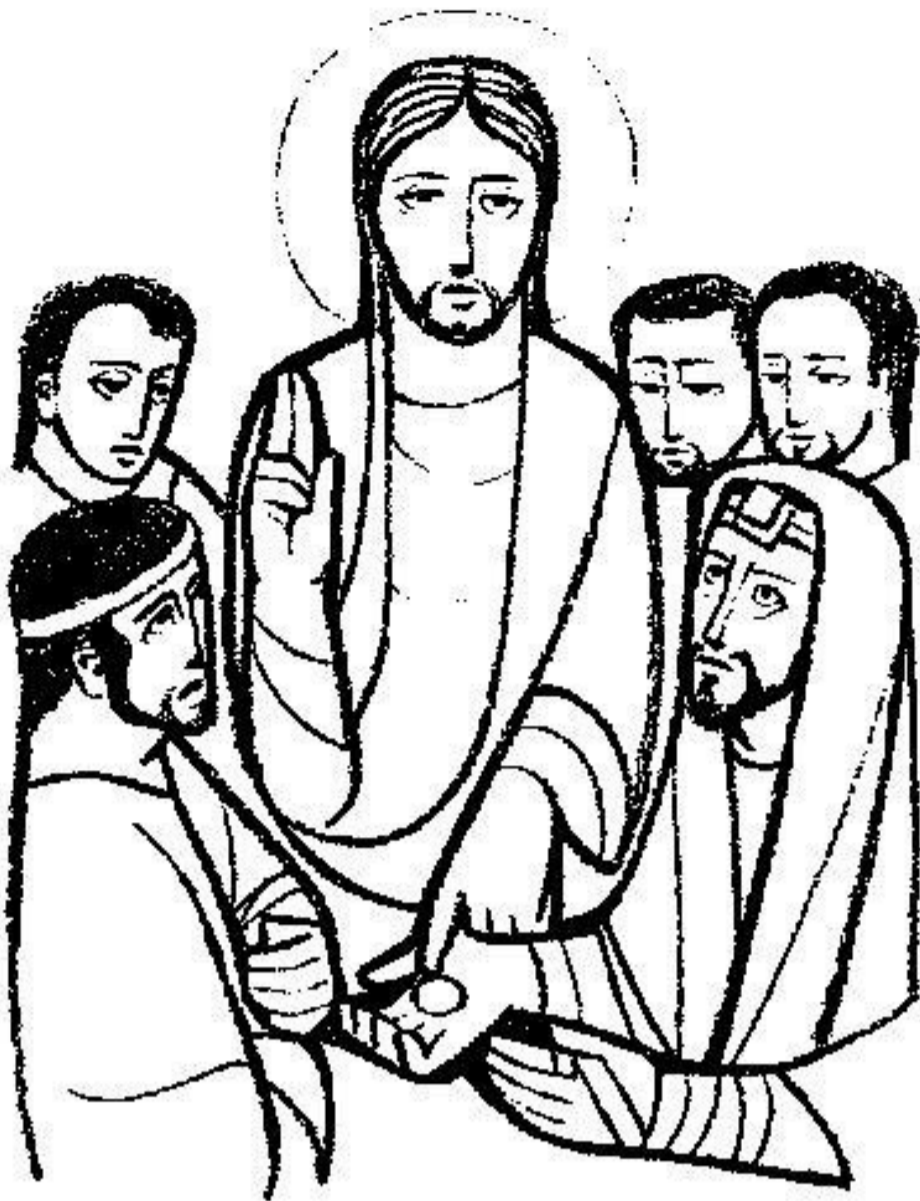
## **LET US PRAY FOR**

### ***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, John Prus, Marie Morrisby, Marian Zieba, Allan O'Rourke, Denise O'Rourke, Natasha Gutteridge.*

### ***Anniversaries***

*Hipolit Brazewicz, A. E. (Peter) Allen, Maria Giosio, Fredrick Ernest Keating, Fr Cornelius Troy, Carleine Alda Keating, Ethel May Keating, Zofia Smietanski, Winsome I. Hodgetts, Boleslaw Nisciernek, Jan Szczygiel, Antoni Sobczyszyn, Marie Katranjac, Mary Driessen, Marjorie Jean Becker, Margarita Camarao, Fr Arthur Perkins, Sister Veronica Higgins, Gordon Clark, Dave Smith, Charles J. Stokoe, Thalia Baker, Teo Stockman, Horace Duggan, Joyce Patricia Gadd, Myrtle Dwyer, Michal Zolniewczak, Jozef Lepak, Boniface Siksnius, Fr Edward Sheedy, Laurence Lyons, David Darby, Fr James Long, Hilary Sweeney, Charles Denis Mahony, Ian Wilson Coad, Malcolm L. Jenkins, Michael Wilczynski, Ila Weaving, Adam Krasnicki., Barbara Therese Rakowski, Amy Elizabeth Rose, Rogelio Gabriel, Walter Gamble, George Harrison, Lionel J. Ford, Fr Patrick Fanning, Franciszek Czernkowski, Diane Radcliffe, Brian Sertori, Ellen Deacon, Donato Brighella, William Thomas Hangan, Anna Puzinowski, Nellie Curtain, Maria Adamus., Eugeniusz Pikula, Fr Albert Cuneo, Br Denis Phillips, Leonard Haney, Piotr Czechowski, Fr Thomas O'Loughlin, Stuart George Smith, Lachlan O'Keeffe, Monica Haley.*



## **THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY 2017)**

All Souls Day will be celebrated on Thursday 2nd November at St Matthew's Catholic Church, Pontville. 4pm will be the blessing of the graves and at 5:30pm Mass. For More information please contact Fr Leo on 03 6263 6442

## **STEWARDSHIP**

“My God will supply whatever you need...” - **PHILIPPIANS 4:19**

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time, talent and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

## ***Recently Deceased***

*Heather Haines, Leopoldo (Paul) Sambrano,*

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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)

## **TOWARDS HEALING HELPLINE:**

*Phone:* 1800 356 613

## **TRUTH JUSTICE & HEALING COUNCIL:**

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

## READINGS

*14th / 15th October, 2017*

*28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

### FIRST READING: (Isaiah 25:6-10)

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

### PSALM: (Psalm 22:)

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

### SECOND READING: (Philippians 4:12 - 14, 19 - 20)

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Ephesians 1:17, 18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: (Matthew 22:1 - 14)

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

## MASS TIMES

Monday 16th to Sunday 22nd October  
2017

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

## READINGS/ROSTERS

*21st / 22nd October, 2017*

*29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;  
turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

### FIRST READING: (Isaiah 45:1, 4 - 6)

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

### PSALM: (Psalm 95:1, 3 - 5, 7 - 10)

Give the Lord glory and honour.

### SECOND READING: (1 Thessalonians 1:1 - 5)

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Ephesians 1:17, 18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: (Matthew 22:15 - 21)

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

### Saturday 6:30pm

**Readers** *Shane Poulson, Eva Hangan*

**Ministers** *Steve Randell,  
Margaret Henderson*

**Projector** *Threesa K*

### Sunday 9:00am

**Readers** *Eva Hangan, Tony Webb*

**Ministers** *Paul de Groot, B McManus*

**Sick** *Paul de Groot*

**Projector** *Izak Hangan*

### Sunday 4:30pm

**Readers** *Joe O'Hea, Janine O'Hea*

**Ministers** *David Devereux, Carlene Larkin*

**Projector** *Eva Hangan*

**Altar** *Polish Community*

**Cleaning** *Rexine & Gerard Synnott*

**Counters** *David Devereux & Joe Higgins*