

# St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish



## Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

### Sunday, 16th February, 2020

#### 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 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.*

Dear friends, this week we continue to read through Jesus' sermon on the mount. His words pack a real punch! It is likely they are teachings given by Jesus over a period of time in his public ministry, but compiled together here by the evangelist Matthew to showcase Jesus as the new Moses who goes up the mountain to teach and reinterpret the Torah (law) for his audience. This shows Jesus' connection to Judaism by affirming the importance of the law and prophets. He frames Jesus' teachings as interpretations, expansions and nuances to the laws and the prophets, not as contradictions of them.

His teachings are best summarised by the verse: *I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven* (Matt 5:20). This is not a personal attack against the scribes and the Pharisees. They cannot be generalised as hypocrites and villains. They are good people, who strove to be faithful and just. Jesus wishes to make the point that righteousness is more than about doing what we see must be done. We do naturally focus on what needs to be done and most of us do that well, but we can forget what matters most to God is a heart that chooses to love. With this in mind, we can better understand when Jesus expands the meaning of the commandment 'you shall not kill' to prohibit anger and animosity and calls for reconciliation of damaged relationships. Or when the commandment 'you shall not commit adultery' would originally have been a narrow prohibition against a man having sexual relations with a married woman but is now expanded by Jesus to include any lustful actions. Jesus goes to the heart of every transgression and sin and asks the more challenging question: What causes this sin? How can I stop feeding this? How can I make my relationships with others work and thrive?

In Jesus' mind, the Torah would have been more than an ancient law code; it was God's instructions for becoming a human being. It was a "law" in that it demanded action, but it was also a source of divine wisdom. The first reading refers to the Torah's deeper content when it says, *"Immense is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power, and all-seeing."* Not only does Jesus demand obedience to the Torah, he increases the strictness of its regulations. If people were having trouble following the law before Jesus, how does making it more demanding help? Not only has the law of Moses been fulfilled by Jesus, we as disciples of Jesus are also transformed by him. It is not just murder that is prohibited, but the anger that leads to it; not just adultery, but the lust that leads to it. This is a law that makes known our utter dependence on the Christ who transforms our crooked hearts and rebellious spirits. These antitheses lead to the climactic statement we will hear next week: "Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." In the mind of Jesus, following God's instructions opens us up to be loved and reflect God's glory to the world. That's how we reach our perfection as salt of the earth and light of the world – God working in and through us.

I have just spent a couple of days at Cradle Mountain with friends from Victoria and Singapore soaking in the sights and sounds of surely one of the most beautiful parts of our natural world. Surrounded by good company and bathed in rare sunshine, we walked around Dove Lake and enjoyed the views of the majestic mountain range and lush forests. I am slowly loving Tasmania I must say! Next week I will be away in Douglas Park NSW for an annual gathering of newly ordained MSCs where we share our experiences of ministry and seek to support each other. I will stay on over the weekend to attend two more days of meeting on formation with regards to our guys who are joining us both in Australia and Vietnam. I will of course meet up with Fr Mark and will send regards to him. I will be back on Ash Wednesday to start the season of Lent together.

In the Heart of Jesus,  
Fr Krish Mathavan MSC

# **NOTICES**

## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES/MASSES**

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, 26th February and is the commencement of Lent. The following Services/Masses will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday.

- 7:30am - Liturgy
- 9:00am - Mass (Polish)
- 12:00noon - Mass (Including Whole School)
- 5:30pm - Mass
- 6:30pm - Mass (Polish)

## **PRAYERFUL CENTRING**

Church as a community is central to who we are, so it is a good thing to get re-connected to each other at church. Church is also a praying community, so it is a spiritually helpful practice to prepare for the beginning of Mass in a way that focuses and centres us for the sacrament we are about to enter into. Thus, we have introduced a brief period of reflection before the Mass begins. We will begin by bells ringing, followed by a minute or two of silence before the bells will sound again and the welcome and entrance procession. Many people do this now, but they are surrounded by much conversation. This will allow us to become centred and to also be mindful of others who are praying. Whenever we are in the body of the church, let us be mindful to maintain this reverent quietness, not suppressing all conversation but keeping it to a very low volume, so others can pray.

## **ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH?**

We welcome you to St Therese of Lisieux Moonah Lutana Parish! To help you become involved in our parish life and any of the various ministries of the parish, please complete a registration form located in the Church foyer and return to the Parish Office or place it on the collection plate at any Mass. We will then be in touch.

## **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.

## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL POOR BOX**

In the foyer of the Church is located the St 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.

## **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.

## **ST THERESE'S CRAFT GROUP**

The Craft Group has recommenced for 2020. They normally meet each fortnight on a Monday afternoon from 1:00pm - 3:00pm in the Community Room at St Therese's Church. A donation and a shared afternoon tea is held, so bring a plate to share. All are welcome to come along. Dates for 2020 are: 17th February, 2nd, 16th and 30th March, 6th and 20th April, 4th and 18th May, 1st, 15th and 29th June, 13th and 27th July, 10th and 24 August, 7th and 21st September, 5th and 19th October, 2nd and 16th November.

## **RCIA**

The Parish has a number of candidates for RCIA,. We will be beginning shortly a course of preparation. If you know anyone who might be interested please see either Deacon Michael or Fr Krish.

## **FORMED HAS BEEN UPDATED!**

(please use Chrome browser)

Because of its phenomenal growth, [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) has moved to a new technology platform. Now over 4,000 titles of award-winning Catholic content, children's programming, audio talks, e-books and more, are available on almost any internet-connected device (PC's, tablets, smart phones and smart TV's etc.) The new platform was produced after consultation and feedback from the users (now over 900,000) across 5,000 parish communities. The new platform has improved performance and an enhanced search tool. It allows offline playback and you no longer have to remember a password because access is now simply through your email address. For existing subscribers just Visit [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) then click 'Sign In' and enter your email address. You will be sent an email and when you click on the link in the email you're in! No more passwords! You can stay signed in even when you close your browser or your device is off. When you go back to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) just click on 'sign in' and you can start watching again. As long as you don't sign out, the content will remain available to you. If you do sign out, then to get back in just go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) again and click 'sign in' and an email will be sent to you and click – you're back in. For parishioners wanting to join our FORMED group account the process has become even easier than it was. Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org) and click 'Sign Up' on the next page select "I Belong to a Parish or Organisation", find our parish by name, "St Therese of Lisieux 24 Hopkins St Moonah TAS", enter your email address and you will be sent an email - and you're in! Diving into the beauty of the Faith has never been easier: at home, on the go, or from any internet connected device. Discover thousands of books, audio talks, movies, documentaries, and studies... there is something for every member of the family

to help them grow closer to Christ and His Church. 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.

## **LENTEN PROGRAM**

Lent is the 40-day season of preparation for the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday). The word "Lent" comes from the same root as the Anglo-Saxon word "lengthen". It was a word for springtime when the daytime lengthens rapidly. Therefore, Lent is in essence the Church's springtime. We are encouraged to look at this period of Lent as a journey. Lent reminds us that this is the season to turn away from our worldly distractions and journey home to God. This should be a time of inner reflection, and at the end of the Lenten journey, we should expect to find ourselves at a different place spiritually than when we started. At the end of our Lenten journey, if we have truly humbled and submitted ourselves to the Lord, the grace of God working in our lives should have conformed us more perfectly to the image of Christ, who is, himself, the image and likeness of God the Father. If you would like to journey with your fellow parishioners over this Lenten period, come join us in two opportunities. These will be held in the Church Community Room on Wednesday after the Midday Mass and on Tuesday evening at 6:30pm. If you would like to join either please place your name and phone number onto the registration sheet in the Church foyer. The first sessions will commence on Tuesday, 25th February at 6.30pm and Wednesday, 26th February, after the Midday Mass.

## **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS AND PRAYER**

The Catholic Women's League is seeking members and wish for everyone to pray for new members.

*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.*

## **PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH**

PPC wishes to keep you informed of organisations representing Catholic Women in the Church. The Office for Participation of Women in the Church has a monthly newsletter for which you can register.

Details can be found at <https://www.opw.catholic.org.au/newsletter/from-the-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](http://www.catholicwomenspeak.com).

## **MARRIAGE MASSES FOR THE RENEWAL OF VOWS**

Masses will be celebrated by Archbishop Julian Porteous on Sunday, 16th February, 2020 at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart at 10.30am and on Sunday, 23rd February, 2020 at Church of the Apostles, Launceston at 10.30am. Couples celebrating Catholic Marriage milestones including couples in the early years of marriage (1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> anniversaries) are invited to RSVP to the Office of Life, Marriage and Family by emailing [ben.smith@aohtas.org.au](mailto:ben.smith@aohtas.org.au) or on 6208 6036. Catholic married couples will receive a special acknowledgement from Archbishop Julian on the day.

## **BIBLE STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF MARK**

### **Four Session Bible Study of the Gospel of**

**Mark:** Read through the Gospel from the beginning and discover how it is all connected. **When:** Wednesdays, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February, 18<sup>th</sup> March, and 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**Time:** 10.30am-12.30pm. **Where:** Barry Room, Diocesan Centre, 35 Tower Rd, New Town. **Bring:** Bible, notepad, pen. **Cost:** Free. **Register:** call Dr. Christine Wood, 62086236. All are welcome!

## **SILENT RETREAT - SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA**

We invite you to experience 5 days of silent retreat to go in a deeper encounter with Jesus within you. During these days will be offered Latin Mass, Rosary, Adoration, Conferences in the Spiritual Exercises, Spiritual Direction, Confession and Way of the Cross. **Speaker:** Fr Pius, a

Benedictine monk from Notre Dame Priory Monastery in Colebrook, Tasmania. **Date:** 2 - 7, March 2020. **AUD 550,00** - per person (accommodation, meals and fee). **Place:** Emmanuel Centre (123 Abbott Street, Newstead - Launceston). **RSVP:**

0418 183 511 or

[palavravivatasmania@gmail.com](mailto:palavravivatasmania@gmail.com)

## **ST PATRICK'S PILGRIMAGE**

The annual "St Patrick's Pilgrimage" from Richmond to Colebrook is back and will be held on the weekend of 14-15 March 2020! The pilgrimage is open at all young people from 14-35yo and celebrates the feast of our Archdiocese's patron saint (St Patrick). It is a great opportunity for personal growth where you will likely be challenged both physically and spiritually. Join Archbishop Julian and many other young people for two days of journeying through the natural beauty of Tassie with times for prayer, Mass, song, fellowship, reflection, camping and plenty more. For more information and to register, head to [eventbrite.com.au](http://eventbrite.com.au) and search for "St Patrick's Pilgrimage."

## LEGION OF MARY

All Active, Auxiliary members, interested Parishioners are invited to the Legion of Mary Annual Acies Ceremony and Holy Mass. To be held Saturday, 21st March 2020 at 2:00pm, St. John's Church, Bowden Street, Glenorchy. A plate to share for afternoon tea would be appreciated. If transport is required contact Margaret Lello 0407 047 205 or Helen Emery 0408 394 347.

## LITURGY OF LAMENT IN BURNIE

On Saturday, 21st March 2020 at 11:00 am at the Rhododendron Garden, 55 Breffny Road, Romaine, a liturgy of Lament will be held. This liturgy will acknowledge the historical sexual abuse, which took place at Marist College, Burnie between 1957 until the 1970s. You may or may not be aware that a significant number of students were abused over a period of many years. A committee was appointed to work towards formulating a Ritual of Lament, to acknowledge this abuse.

During the ritual, it is anticipated that Archbishop Julian Porteous, Fr Tony Corcoran SM (Provincial Leader of the Marist Fathers in Australia) and Gregg Sharman (Acting Principal at Marist Regional College, Burnie) will each offer a public formal apology for the sexual abuse

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 1,526.15

Loose: \$ 962.10

**TOTAL: \$ 2,488.25**

Week's Pledged Collections:

\$ 2,538.00

**Difference -\$ 49.75**

**Thank You!**

that took place at Marist College. There will also be the blessing of a bronze plaque which will be later installed at Marist Regional College. A cuppa and light refreshments will be offered after the ritual at the Rhododendron Gardens.

Further information will be made available during late February and early March.

The website link giving further information about this event is

<https://mrc.tas.edu.au/mdos/>.

If you have been affected by any abuse please contact the **Towards Healing**

**Helpline** on **1800 356 613** or the **Sexual**

**Assault Service** on **03 6231 1811** (Day

(Hobart) or **1800 697 877** (24/7) or

**03 6334 2740** (Day) (Launceston), or

contact **Tasmanian Police Service** on

**131 444**

## STEWARDSHIP

*"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:20)*

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.

## **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, Garry Hay, Paddi McDonald, Peter van Loggerenberg, Joe Higgins, Gracie Manson.

### ***Anniversaries***

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, Francis Robert Young, Gavin Davey, Pawel Cichon, Kathleen D. McCabe, Vale Stanwix, Nancy Veronica Cullen, Stanislaw Czachor, Humphrey Beckitt, Grant Brazendale-Brooks, Susanne Brazendale, Emilia Gabriel Abueva, Helena Niemczyk, Lucy Frazik, Fr John Eldrigde MSC, Tess Triffett, Boleslawa Kempa, Stefan Adam Jedyka, Fr Adrian Meaney MSC, Michelle Ann White (Read) Jack Webster, Shirley Ethel May Thomas, Esmay Haney, Michael Noonan, Grace Phyllis Dance, Karol Michalowski, Elaine Voss, Ieva Andrikonis, Stephen John Horne, Bert de Groot, David Blake, Bertram Williams, Thelma Dalton, Bridget Beckwith, Fr Harold Bridgwood MSC, Dino Bighin, Margaret Mills, Benjamin Bresnehan, Tara-Ann Radcliffe, Pauline Krushka Brown, Irene Scanlon, Margaret Monaghan, Max Watson, Elvie J. Keenan, Denis Francis Duggan, Marj Symmons, Denis Henry Scanlon, Marion Keenan.

### ***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

*15th/16th February, 2020*  
*6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Year A*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** (Cf Psalm 30:3-4)

Be my protector, O God,  
a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your  
name.

**FIRST READING:** (Sirach 15:15-20)

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

**PSALM:** (Psalm 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34)

Happy are they who follow the law of the  
Lord!

**SECOND READING:** (1 Corinthians 2:6-10)

God in his wisdom predestined our glory  
before the ages began.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (Cf Matthew 11:25)

Alleluia!, Alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and  
earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the  
mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** (Matthew 5:17-37)

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am  
speaking to you.

## MASS TIMES

Monday 17th to Sunday 23rd February  
2020

	<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

*22nd/23rd February, 2020*  
*7th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Year A*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** (Psalm 12:6)

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.  
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful  
with me.

**FIRST READING:** (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18)

You must love your neighbour as yourself.

**PSALM:** (Psalm 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13)

The Lord is kind and merciful.

**SECOND READING:** (1 Corinthians 3:16-23)

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ  
and Christ belongs to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (1 John 2:5)

Alleluia!, Alleluia!  
Whoever keeps the word of Christ,  
grows perfect in the love of God.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** (Matthew 5:38-48)

Love your enemies.

**Saturday 6:30pm**

**Readers** *Ed Sianski, Anne Thuringer*

**Ministers** *Monica & Ed Sianski*

**Projector** *Alec Avellana*

**Sunday 9:00am**

**Readers** *Seena Sejan, Marie Anders*

**Ministers** *Silpa Cherpanath, Eva Hangan*

**Sick** *Bev White*

**Projector** *Maureen Pangrazzi*

**Sunday 4:30pm**

**Readers** *John Kitt, Cameron Brown*

**Ministers** *Carol Kitt, Daniel Duharte*

**Projector** *Daniel Duharte*

**Altar** *Nirmalee & Threesa K*

**Cleaning** *Rexine & Gerard Synnott*

**Counters** *Goldie McGuinness &*

*Kerrie Morrisby*