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 June, 2019 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - 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 NEIGHBOUR

"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 to 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 the 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!

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In the Heart of Jesus
Fr Mark Hanns MSC

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, I thought we could introduce a brief period of reflection before the Mass begins. We will begin by playing some music, followed by a minute or two of silence before the 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. We'll begin this after Easter.

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. Fr Mark

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 wish to be added to this will be presented with a Crucifix during Mass. This will be followed by the **First** and return in the weeke **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 \$1,400.00 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.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

The first meeting to prepare for the Feast of the Sacred Heart, was held on Tuesday evening. To help celebrate this feast over Friday, 28th – Sunday, 30th June, after each Mass, soup will be served. If you are able to assist or will be attending the Masses and staying for soup, please complete the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

PLANNED GIVING

New Planned Giving envelopes are available in the Church foyer for collection. If you wish to be added to this list please complete the registration form in the foyer and return in the weekend collections or give to Deacon Michael.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

Many Tasmanian families are doing it tough this winter, suffering housing and financial crises. Vinnies is always ready to offer a helping hand to those in need. Parishioners can help the St Vincent de Paul Society continue its great work by donating during the Vinnies Winter Appeal. Envelopes are available in the foyer of the Church and will be on the pews **Next Sunday**. Please give to those in desperate need this winter.

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTER AND LECTOR ROSTERS

New Eucharistic minister and lector rosters are in the process of being prepared to take effect from July 6/7 until December 28/29. If you will be away or unable to assist during this time please let the Parish Office know before Thursday, 27th June as rosters will be prepared and available for weekend July 29/30.

ST THERESE'S CRAFT GROUP

are as follows:- 17th June, 1st, 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 of the Church. A shared afternoon tea is held, so bring a plate to share. All are welcome to come along.

LATEST EDITION OF CATHOLIC STANDARD

The latest issue is available in the Church foyer, and it includes the following articles:

- 'Lighthouse' vigils
- A bible's remarkable survival from a devastating house fire - Circular Head
- Ad Limina takes bishops to Rome
- Fr Christopher gives thanks for the gift of the priesthood
- Mary & motherhood honoured at May Ball
- Knights focus on faith among youth
- New director for Catholic Mission

PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

PPC wishes to inform parishioners of an organisation "Catholic Women Speak", seeking to bring Catholic women's voices into dialogue with others in the Catholic Church, with those in other churches and religious traditions, and with wider society, in order to participate in a deeper, richer understanding of the Catholic tradition and its relevance for our times. More details can be found at www.catholicwomenspeak.com

WALK WITH CHRIST

The Craft group dates for remainder of 2019 **NEXT** Sunday, 23rd June 1:15pm to 3:00pm. Celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ by walking with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament through the city of Hobart. Be at St Joseph's Church (Harrington St) by 1.15pm, and walk with us to St Mary's Cathedral for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction concluding at 3:00. There will be a 'cuppa' afterwards. If you can't do the walk come to the Cathedral at 2:00 for prayer and Adoration.



AUSTRALIAN 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/acyfhobart-to-perth-pilgrimage-registration-62123542187. For more information on the pilgrimage, please see the registration page or the poster in the church foyer.



LIGHTHOUSE FESTIVAL

The final annual Lighthouse event will run next Friday night (21st June 2019) at St Mary's Cathedral, for a time of prayer, praise, silent reflection, music, scripture and Mass. The night will run from 5:30pm on Friday and end with 8am Mass on Saturday followed by a hot breakfast. The event is free. You are free to attend at any time of the night/morning for as long as you wish to stay.

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

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 Plenary Council 2020 moves into its next phase of preparation today with the announcement of the National Themes for Discernment that emerged from an historic process of listening to the voices of more than 222,000 people. Between May 2018 and March 2019, almost 17,500 submissions, from individuals and groups of all sizes, addressed the Plenary Council's central question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Over several days of listening to what the people of God said, with intense moments of prayer and discernment, the Bishops' Commission for the Plenary Council and its Executive Committee, joined by the Facilitation Team, considered what people were longing for. Six National Themes for Discernment emerged. "The National Centre for Pastoral Research was able to pinpoint more than 100

recurring subject areas from those 17,500 submissions," said Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, president of the Plenary Council. "In some ways, those subject areas described what one might call 'the messy reality' of Catholic life in Australia today. The voices of the faithful help all of us to understand something of the historical experience and the current reality of the Catholic Church in Australia. "We worked to discern what people were yearning for as we move into this next stage of preparing for the Plenary Council." Archbishop Costelloe said there was a clear desire expressed for the Church to renew herself and focus on the person of Jesus Christ. "Accordingly, the six National Themes for Discernment flow from that primary goal of being a Christ-centred community of people," he explained. 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 Plenary Council facilitator Lana Turvey-Collins said many topics relate to one or more of the National Themes for Discernment and this next stage of preparation - "Listening and Discernment" is a time of prayerful consideration of the "big" questions that have been raised by the faithful. "The emergence of the National Themes for Discernment is an important moment in our journey towards the Plenary Council. It is an expression of the sense of the faith from the faithful and, from this, we can proceed in our discernment of what the Spirit is saying to us in Australia," Ms Turvey-Collins said. Part of that progression will take place later this month, when the Australian bishops gather for a retreat prior to their Ad Limina Apostolorum

visit in Rome. Archbishop Costelloe said: "We will take the opportunity to reflect carefully on the National Themes for Discernment and share our reflections and conclusions with the Plenary Council's Facilitation Team and the Executive Committee, based on our own prayerful discernment and pastoral experience." Ms Turvey-Collins said those reflections and conclusions will be supplemented by a period of several months, beginning in August, when people across the country will again be asked to engage locally with the Plenary Council process. "This discernment process will involve establishing working groups for each National Theme for Discernment. People in faith communities across Australia will also be called to participate locally in their own communal Listening and Discernment encounters," she said. "The fruits of what is discerned during this time will shape the agenda for the first session of Plenary Council in October 2020." More information on the National Themes for Discernment can be found on the re-launched Plenary Council website: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 1,402.50

Loose: \$ 902.60

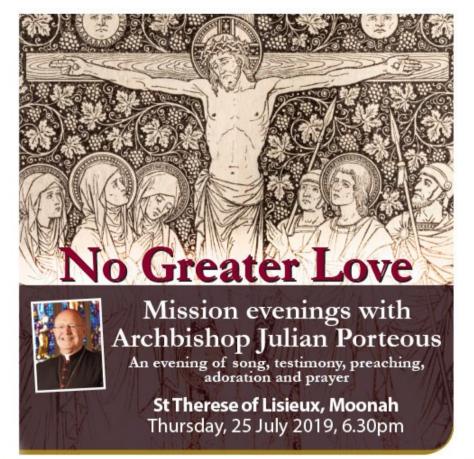
TOTAL: \$ 2,305.10

Week's Budget Collections:

<u>\$ 2,538.00</u>

Difference -\$ 232.90

Thank You!





STEWARDSHIP

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth..." (John 16:13)

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us know and live the truth. To prepare ourselves, we need to open our hearts to receive this gift before we can give it. Develop a daily prayer routine. Talk and listen to the Holy Spirit. This is best done in silence, when we can hear His response.

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, Patti McDonald, Chris Poulson.

LET US PRAY FOR

Anniversaries

Dolly Webster, Saturnino Gabriel, Margaret (Peggy) Duggan, Mary Magdalene Coad, Fr Alan Guest, Zofia Michalewicz, Fr Mark McGuinness MSC, Irene Jedrzejczak, Fr Thomas Whitty, Shane Morrisby, Thomas Hutchinson, Hedley Tierney, Harold Blake, Fr Rudolph Lopez, Edward Podolski, George Brazendale, Thomas Robinson, Fr Alfred Finch, Julius Ots, Ellen Virth, Olga Smith, Eva Mary White, Dorothy Roehrs, Rosa de Cesare, Wladyslawa Belkner, Josephine M. Lockett, Gladys Bresnehan, Stanislawa Halys, Janina Z Kopaczynski, Pelagia Rakowski, Ron Gamble, Genowefa Grzorczyk, Shelagh Sonners, Nenita V. Zuchowicz, Graham Robert Williams, Aleksander Radziwon, Norman Direen, Keith Bradshaw, Thomas Kendal, Br Jack Higgins cf, Jim Dalton, Fr Michael Durkan, Maria Sianski, Christopher Dawes, Dorothy M. Ellott, Fr Dallas Cox, Lewis Johnson, Milton Maywood, Doris Higgins, Fr Aloysius English, Kelvin Baldock, Barney Curtain, Leonore Scanlon, Ronald James Munro, Beverley Dawn Morrisby, 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, Norah Massie, Doreen Klye, William Clare.

Recently Deceased

David Flanagan, Geoff Grubb.

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By appointment

ARCHDIOCESAN WEBSITE:

www.hobart.catholic.org.au

SAFE COMMUNITIES:

https://hobart.catholic.org.au/content/safecommunities

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Phone: 1800 356 613

SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE:

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03 6334 2740 (Day) (Launceston)

PLENARY COUNCIL:

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

READINGS

16th June, 2019

The Most Holy Trinity - Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

FIRST READING: (Proverbs 8:22-31)

Wisdom was born before the earth was made.

PSALM: (Psalm 8:4-9)

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: (Romans 5:1-5)

To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia!, Alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (John 16:12-15)

Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it.

MASS TIMES

Monday 17th to Sunday 23rd June 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 Sunday	6:30pm 9:00am 4:30pm	10:45am

READINGS/ROSTERS

23rd June, 2019 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) - Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

FIRST READING: (Genesis 14:18-20)

Melchizedek brought bread and wine...

PSALM: (Psalm 109:1-4)

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

SECOND READING: (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia!, Alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;

whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Luke 9:11-17)

They all ate and were filled.

Saturday 6:30pm

Readers Threesa K, Debbie Large Rebecca Goss, Donna Bone **Ministers**

Anne Thuringer **Projector**

Sunday 9:00am

Readers Volunteer, Brendan McManus Simone McManus, **Ministers**

> Maureen Pangrazzi Maureen Pangrazzi

Projector Izak Hangan

Sunday 4:30pm

Counters

Sick

Cameron Brown, Carlene Larkin Readers

Ministers Rexine & Gerard Synnott Daniel Duharte

Projector

Silpa Cherpanath & Bev White Altar

Milagros Jacob & Aileen Watson

Cleaning Rexine & Gerard Synnott