

# 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 September, 2018

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

## FROM THE PASTOR

### THE SEAL OF CONFESSION

Last week we made copies available of the Response of the Australian Bishops and Leaders of Religious Institutes to the Recommendations handed down by the Royal Commission. The Bishops accepted 98 percent of the recommendations. The ones they couldn't accept were to do with breaking the seal of confession and with mandatory celibacy. Of these, any law enacted which forces a priest to break the seal of confession is most contentious. The rationale around defending the seal of confession is effectively expressed by Archbishop of Sydney, Anthony Fisher. Archbishop Julian Porteous quoted this in a communication he sent to us in June. With minor editing I reproduce it here...

"Today in Parliament the Attorney General expressed the position of the government that mandatory reporting of child sexual abuse revealed to religious ministers is demanded by law. This includes information received in the confessional. This is one of the recommendations of the Royal Commission. It follows similar announcements in the ACT and South Australia. One can expect that other States and Territories will take a similar position.

Archbishops Coleridge and Fisher, in their capacity as President and Vice President of the ACBC have written to the Prime Minister on this issue. Their letter will be forwarded to the Tasmanian Premier and Attorney General in the coming days. The letter argues that this requirement of mandatory reporting will not enhance child safety. The understanding of the Seal of Confession can be traced back to the work of Gratian in codifying the canons around the year 1251. It has a long history in the Church. It is now universal law of the Church and one that I know priests are completely committed to upholding. I draw your attention to an article on the Seal of Confession written by Archbishop Fisher and published in the latest edition of the Australian Catholic Record.

*In the last few days the ACT and South Australian governments has (sic) moved to extend mandatory reporting to priests hearing confessions and the PM and AG have indicated their support for this becoming the national position. We all agree that the safety of children (and young people) is of paramount importance; but removing priest-penitent privilege from the law and requiring mandatory reporting of confessions will either have no effect on child safety or will actually make children less safe.*

*First, because perpetrators of this terrible sin very rarely seek out Confession and if mandatory reporting of Confessions were required they would almost certainly not confess; so there would be no effect on child safety.*

# FROM THE PASTOR

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*Secondly, because any perpetrator who was minded to confess would almost certainly do so anonymously, so no mandatory reporting would be possible; again, children would be no safer.*

*Thirdly, because were trust in the absolute confidentiality of Confession undermined, then any chance a perpetrator would face the evil of their actions through Confession would be lost; any chance a priest-confessor might have to impress upon the penitent the seriousness of their actions, the duty to self-report to the authorities and to get professional help, etc. would also be lost; children would be less safe.*

*Fourthly, because were trust in the absolute confidentiality of Confession undermined, then any chance a victim would mention this in Confession to a priest would also be seriously diminished; any chance a priest-confessor might have to impress upon the victim the need to inform responsible adults (outside confession) and get to safety would also be lost. Children would be less safe.*

*Paradoxically, then, while those seeking to remove confessional privilege hope thereby to make children safer, the net effect will be to make children less safe: by removing the seal, we lose the rare opportunity to point an offender or victim in the direction of the authorities and other assistance.*

*A wide range of citizens practise private Confession: Western Catholics, Eastern Catholics, members of the various Orthodox traditions, Mormons, and some Anglicans, Lutherans and Methodists; they do so understanding that Confession is a sacrosanct encounter between the penitent and God, where the penitent is free to 'pour out their soul' in absolute confidence this will not be repeated; without the seal of Confession the Sacrament as understood by Christians would be impossible.*

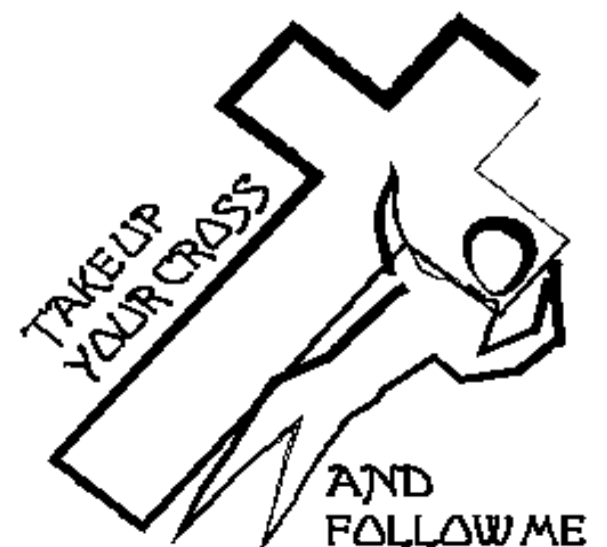
*The human right to freedom of conscience, religious belief and practice include(s) the right of believers to engage in rituals such as Confession without fear of being 'bugged' by others (even the civil authorities).*

*Priests are required in our tradition to resign themselves to punishment, even martyrdom, rather than break the seal of Confession; the faithful likewise expect this of them.*

*Cultures and polities like Australia's rightly recognise clear distinctions between 'Church' and 'State'; while the two necessarily intersect at various points, even collaborate, they rightly give each other a wide berth at other times; to require priests (etc.) to break the seal of Confession would be overreach by the state into the domain of the 'sacred'.*

*Freedoms of conscience, thought, speech, assembly, religious belief and practice are basic human rights, long recognised in international law, to some extent in Australian domestic law, and more broadly in Australian culture; not to recognise confessional privilege would go against these long-standing norms; to force a priest (etc.) to breach the seal would be to force him to act against fundamental tenets of his faith.*

*There is substantial social value in candid disclosures in lawyer-client, psychiatrist-patient, journalist-source and priest-penitent relationships." In the Heart of Christ Fr Mark MSC*



*'You must forget yourself, carry your cross, and follow me.' Mark 8:34*

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED  
SACRAMENT**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Friday after Mass until 5:00pm in the Parish Centre Chapel.

**LECTIO DIVINA**

On the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month Lectio Divina is held in the Ss Louis and Zelig Martin Parish Centre, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Chapel from 10:00am until 11:30am. All are welcome.

**SILENT MEDITATION**

On 10th and 24th September, 8th & 22nd October, 5th & 19th November Silent Meditation will be held. Starting promptly at 2:15pm until 3:00pm. To book call 03 6247 1307. All are welcome.

**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.

**COMMUNITY ROOM LIBRARY**

The Community Room library is now available for borrowing (and returning) of books. All books have been stamped and a coloured dot will be added shortly. 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.

**JOHN WALLIS MEMORIAL LECTURE**

The 2018 John Wallis Memorial Lecture and supper will be held on Wednesday, 19th September at 7:00pm at Guilford Young College Hobart Campus Chapel. The theme is God, my family and other home truths. The guest speaker is Michael McGirr who is Dean of Faith at St Kevin's College, Melbourne and he is an essayist, reviewer, prize winning short story writer and teacher. Bookings are essential. To book contact Eva Dunn 0417 734 503 or email [eva.dunn@gmail.com](mailto:eva.dunn@gmail.com). A donation of \$10 or \$5 for concession card holders/students.

**NO RECONCILIATION  
SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER**

There will be no reconciliation on Saturday 23rd September, as Fr Mark will be away.

**SICK AND RETIRED PRIEST  
COLLECTION**

The Sick and Aged Priest's Fund was established to ensure that all diocesan priests incardinated into the Archdiocese of Hobart would receive adequate accommodation, health care and support needed in their retirement, or should they become ill. Retirement expenses are currently met by the Sick and Aged Priest's Fund via donations and bequests, and by priests themselves. There are no federal or state government grants to support clergy in retirement. Please give generously to the Sick and Aged Priest's Appeal **THIS weekend.**

**ST THERESE'S SCHOOL FAIR**

The St Therese's School Fair will be held **(NEXT SUNDAY)** after the 9:00am Mass 23rd of September, at 10am. **On fair day the school/church car parks will be closed as some of the fair activities will occupy the car-parks. This will mean parking will only be available on the surrounding streets.** The Fair Committee is seeking donations for any of the following: Jams chutneys, preserves (clearly listed with date made and list of ingredients), Plants - bunches of flowers or established pots, Second Hand goods - Bric-a-brac, clothes, dvds, books etc, Crafts - knitted, crochet or embroidered goods, anything handmade, Baked goods - cakes, biscuits, cupcakes, muffins, scones, slices etc. Please include a full list of ingredients on your baked goods and **please NO fresh cream.** All donated items can be brought to the school either on Saturday 22nd between 9am-2pm or before Mass on Sunday the 23rd. We hope to see you there on the day.

## **FR MARK ON HOLIDAYS**

This is to advise that Fr Mark will be on holidays from Monday 1st October until Friday 2nd November, inclusive. During his absence we will have a number of visiting priests celebrating weekend Masses together with Fr Kaz celebrating most of the weekday Masses.

## **MARIAN FESTIVAL**

On Saturday 13th October 2018, St Paul's Catholic Church Bridgewater, will be holding a Marian Festival, commencing at 2:00pm. The schedule of activities are:

2:00pm - 3:00pm - Rosary & Adoration

4:00pm - 5:00pm - Worship Songs, Testimonies

5:00pm - 7:00pm - Worship Songs, Testimonies and Veneration of the statue of Mary

7:00pm - Mass and Healing Prayer

Dinner will be served after the Mass. All are welcome. For further information see the brochure in the foyer or call

Bridgewater-Brighton Parish on 6263 6242.

## **DIRECTED RETREAT AT MARYKNOLL**

This retreat is from 26th October to 4th November but each day is stand alone, so you may come for one day or as many days as you wish. The retreat will be led by

Fr Peter Addicoat and Sr Margaret Henderson RMS. For a copy of the brochure please see the Archdiocesan website or contact Margaret on 0418 366 923 or [mm.henderson@bigpond.com](mailto:mm.henderson@bigpond.com).

## **PALMS AUSTRALIA**

*More to mission than meats the eye!* Right now, a Butcher is needed in Madang, Papua New Guinea; Meet this challenge: contact Christine on 02 9560 5333. For more opportunities, visit [www.palms.org.au/volunteer](http://www.palms.org.au/volunteer). Can't commit just yet? Check out [www.palms.org.au/encounters](http://www.palms.org.au/encounters).

## **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 May 26<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing [info@griegtogracesaus.org.au](mailto:info@griegtogracesaus.org.au) or phone 0478599241. For more information visit [www.griegtogracesaus.org](http://www.griegtogracesaus.org)

## **MATRIMONIUM SUMMER SCHOOL**

A deep dive into God's plan for sexuality and marriage for young adults. Monday, 21st January to Friday, 25th January 2019, at Jane Franklin Hall, South Hobart. Speakers include Professor Tracey Rowland, Dr Kevin Donnelly and Anna Krohn. For more information call Ben Smith on 03 6208 6036

## **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Envelopes:	\$ 1,773.50
Loose:	\$ 924.05
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 2,697.55</b>

<u>Week's Budget Collections:</u>	<u>\$ 2,538.00</u>
<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$ 159.55</b>

**Thank You!**

## **STEWARDSHIP**

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."  
MARK 8:34

When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended. Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own life, but the lives of others as well.



## **PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER**

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.  
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.  
O God, bless and unite all your people in  
Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of  
the Plenary Council.  
Give us the grace to see your face in one  
another and recognise Jesus, our companion  
on the road.  
Give us the courage to tell our stories and to  
speak boldly of your truth.  
Give us ears to listen humbly to each other  
and a discerning heart to hear what you are  
saying.  
Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,  
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the  
journey from age to age. Amen.  
Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.  
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

## **POEM FOR FR PETER WOOD MSC**

Into the breach he lay between  
people's opinions and things unseen.  
He fought for love in all its guises,  
ignored by many, true worth surprises.  
His path overrun with grief and sadness.  
His strength lay in the wisdom of gladness.  
He held fast to the deep knowledge of God  
who called him beyond the narrow path he  
trod.  
Past the bigots and sinners.  
Past the losers and winners.  
His priestly calling refreshed his spirit  
above the judgement cry.  
A wise reflection of courageous integrity  
That cannot lie.

## **THE PRICE OF DISCIPLESHIP**

Is 30:5-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Jesus asks the crucial question: Who do people say I am? Then he asks his disciples directly: Who do you say I am? Peter answers simply: You are the Christ. Can you join Peter in giving this answer? Can you accept that Jesus is the answer to our dreams and hopes, the one who expresses our ideals and teaches us about love and life, freedom and prayer, about God and ourselves. If we can answer with Peter, then we are ready to move on and become disciples.

Jesus then taught the disciples what it meant for him to be the Christ, the Son of Man. That the Messiah must suffer is based on the figure in the prophet Daniel (c.7) and also on the Suffering Servant of Isaiah (52-53). In this he fulfilled the prophetic pattern of the Old Testament.

Peter failed to understand what Jesus was saying. He reprimanded Peter. Jesus turns on Peter and rebukes him sternly: Get behind me, Satan! Jesus can use this title for Peter because Peter is expressing the central temptation Jesus faced. It was not a rejection of Peter. It was a very definite way of saying: You are expressing the very thing that would take me away from the Father's will.

Peter's way of thinking is perfectly understandable in human terms. However Jesus is going beyond the human to the divine realm. Jesus wanted Peter to follow in his own footsteps and not to try to lead him away from God's plan no matter how difficult that plan is to accept and to understand.

Jesus calls the crowd and his disciples. 'If anyone wants to become my follower, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.' The word 'self' can be taken in two ways. Jesus has the deepest respect for the human self. If you want to keep that human self intact, then you will have to give up another part of yourself, the self that is focused on itself, that is afraid to let go and give itself a way to the demands of love. It is like a seed that will not submit itself to the earth to bring forth life. Noel Mansfield, msc ©



**ST THERESE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
BRINGS YOU**

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**THE SCHOOL  
FAIR**

**September 23rd , 2018 | 10AM-2PM  
24 Hopkins St, Moonah**

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Enjoy great displays, awesome food  
and the coolest games  
and much much more

## **LET US PRAY FOR**

### ***The Sick***

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

### ***Anniversaries***

*Benita LaPolla, Jean Marie Scanlon,  
Ilona Toth, Gail Sportelli, Mollie Ryan,  
Terence Tuttle, Fr George Taylor,  
Luca Sportelli, Francis Malone,  
Jadwiga Wasilewski, Jack Maywood,  
Patricia O'Keeffe, Jane Robinson,  
Freda Allen, Josef Korytkowski,  
John Edward Coad, Fr Patrick McGuane,  
Elsie Mackie, Ludwig Kopanski,  
Antoni Pogorzelski, Maria de Groot,  
Virginia Hills, Jack de Groot,  
Margaret Cashion, Antinio Gabriel,  
Mary Jean Davey, Rosalie Armstrong,  
Alfred Monaghan, Audrey Lyons,  
Priscilla Celia Gabriel Salas,  
Allenby James Salter, Fr Henry Reid,  
John R. Nolan, Vera Madej, Robert Malm,  
John Manning, Victoria Cabiladas Gabriel,  
Mary Mary (Mollie) Miller,  
Marie Therese Coad, Brian Larkin,  
Nancy Duggan, Iris R. Boucher,  
Bronislawa Konopielko, Hipolit Brazewics,  
A. E. (Peter) Allen, Maria Giosio,  
Frederick Ernest Keating, Fr Cornelius Troy,  
Carleine Alda Keating, Ethel May Keating,  
Zofia Smietanski, Winsome I. Hodgetts,  
Boleslaw Nisciernek, Jan Szczygiel,  
Antoni Sobczyszyn.*

### ***Recently Deceased***

*Fr Peter Wood MSC,  
Margaret James (Joe Higgins' Sister)*

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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>

## **PLENARY COUNCIL:**

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

## READINGS

*16th September, 2018*

*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary*

*Time - Year B*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

### FIRST READING: (Isaiah 50:5-9)

I gave my body to those who struck me.

### PSALM: (Psalm 114:1-6, 8-9)

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

### SECOND READING: (James 2:14-18)

Faith without good works is dead.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: (Mark 8:27-35)

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

## MASS TIMES

Monday 17th to Sunday 23rd September

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	<b>English</b>	<b>Polish</b>
Monday	9:15am	
Tuesday	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
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

*23rd September, 2018*

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary*

*Time - Year B*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### FIRST READING: (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20)

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

### PSALM: (Psalm 53:3-6, 8)

The Lord upholds my life.

### SECOND READING: (James 3:16-4:3)

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: (Mark 9:30-37)

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity .... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

### Saturday 6:30pm

*Readers* Margaret Henderson,  
Daniel Watson

*Ministers* Rexine & Gerard Synnott

*Projector* Threesa K

### Sunday 9:00am

*Readers* Fadi Elbarbar, Polish

*Ministers* Polish, Paul de Groot

*Sick* Paul de Groot

*Projector* Melissa Philp

### Sunday 4:30pm

*Readers* Peter Flint, Colleen Rakowski

*Ministers* Carlene Larkin, Carol Kitt

*Projector* Melissa Brown

*Altar* Victoria Maty, Kieran Aherne,  
Monica Sianski

*Cleaning* Polish Community

*Counters* Milagros Jacob & Aileen Watson