

# St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish

## Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

**Sunday 17th December, 2017**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B**



## FROM THE PASTOR

### PLAYING LOOSE WITH THE TRUTH

It can be quite disheartening to watch the news these days. Our world is full of hatred, bigotry, racism, and over-stimulated greed and ego. The gap between the rich and poor is widening and random, senseless violence is an everyday occurrence. One lives with hope, but without much optimism.

Among all of this, perhaps the most distressing thing of all is the erosion of our capacity to recognize and acknowledge the truth. From the highest government offices, to the major media outlets, to our local newspapers, to the thousands of bloggers, down to our dinner tables, we are becoming irresponsible, manipulative, and outright dishonest with the truth, denying it where it's inconvenient, bending it to suit our own purposes, or labelling it as "fake news", "an alternative fact", "misinformation", "a truth that's no longer operative", or as "political correctness" with no truth value. Studies from major scientific institutes are dismissed as just another opinion with the result that we are creating an entire society within which it's becoming more and more difficult for any of us to trust what's a fact and what isn't. That's dangerous territory, not just politically but especially spiritually.

Scripture tells us that *Satan is the Prince of Lies* and Jesus makes it clear that, among all sins, failure to acknowledge the truth is far and away the most dangerous. We see this motif particularly in the text that warns us that we can commit a sin that's *unforgiveable* because it's a blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.

What's this sin? Why is it unforgiveable? And what has it got to do with telling lies?

The unforgiveable sin is precisely the sin of lying which can become unforgiveable because of what lying can do to us. Here's how the biblical text unfolds: Jesus has just cast out a demon. Part of the Jewish faith at that time was the belief that only someone who came from God had power to cast out a demon. Jesus had done that, but the Scribes and Pharisees who have just witnessed this found it to be an inconvenient truth since they denied Jesus' goodness. So, in the face of truth they had to either acknowledge something that they did not want to or they had to manipulate the truth to give it a different meaning. They chose the latter and, clearly aware that they were manipulating the truth, accused Jesus of performing the miracle through the power of Satan. They knew better, knew they were lying, but the actual truth was too difficult to accept.

# FROM THE PASTOR

## (CONTINUED)

Jesus initially tries to argue with them, pointing out that there's no logic in suggesting that Satan is casting out demons. They persist, and it's then Jesus utters his warning: "In truth I tell you, all human sins will be forgiven, and all the blasphemies ever uttered, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven, but is guilty of an eternal sin." (Mark 3,28-29 parallel text in Matthew 12, 31-32). What exactly is this warning?

Jesus is saying this: Be careful about what you are doing just now, putting a false spin on something because it is too awkward to accept as true. The danger is that if you continue doing this you may eventually come to believe your own lie. That will be unforgiveable, given that you will no longer want to be forgiven because you will see truth as a lie and a lie as the truth. The sin cannot be forgiven, not because God doesn't want to forgive it but because we no longer want to be forgiven.

Dictionaries tell us that blasphemy is the act of insulting or showing contempt or lack of reverence for God. We don't blaspheme when we use foul language when we're frustrated; nor do we blaspheme when we shake our fists at God in anger or turn away from him in bitterness. God can handle that. The one thing God cannot handle is lying, where we lie to the point of believing our own lies (the real danger in lying) because that eventually warps our consciences so that we can no longer tell truth from falsehood or falsehood from truth.

Theology teaches us that God is *One*, this means that God's inner integrity assures that all of reality also has an inner integrity, an intelligibility, meaning that something cannot *be* and *not be* at the same time; meaning that two plus two cannot equal anything but four; meaning that a tree is always a tree no matter what you say it is; and meaning that black can never be white. God's Oneness allows us to both trust reality and trust our normal perception of it.

That's what's under attack today, most everywhere. It's the ultimate moral danger: God is One and so two plus two can never be five – and if it is then we are no longer in touch with God or with reality, are warped in conscience, and are blaspheming the Holy Spirit.

Fr Ron Rolheiser OFM ©

In hope as we await  
our infant Saviour

Fr Mark Hanns MSC



# **PARISH NOTICES**

## **CHRISTMAS MASS TIME 2017**

### **Mass of Contemplation**

Friday 22nd December 7:00pm  
Saturday 23rd December 6:30pm (Vigil)  
Sunday 24th December 9:00am  
10:45am (Polish)

### **NO MASS**

4:30pm

### **Children's Vigil Mass**

6:30pm  
9:00pm  
Midnight (Polish)

Monday 25th December 9:00am  
10:45am

## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS**

The Parish invites your family members and friends with children to bring them to the Christmas Vigil Children's Mass dressed as Angels, Shepherds, Stars, Sheep etc. If an adult has the ability to organise and choreograph a nativity play in Mass, that would be superb. Please speak to Fr Mark or Deacon Michael.

## **WINNERS - ACYF FUNDRAISING RAFFLE**

1st Prize 2018 Season Ticket for Playhouse Theatre - Tony Giacom  
2nd Prize Crochet Rugs - B McManus  
3rd Prize Crochet Rugs - D Keely  
4th Prize Family Pool Pass Hobart Aquatic Centre - Sue Beard  
Congratulations to the winners and thank you for supporting our pilgrim to ACYF.

## **CHRISTMAS CHRONICLE 2017**

Last Call for Our Christmas Chronicle which will be published next week. If you would like to contribute articles, short stories, Christmas Recipes or anything you consider may be of interest to our parishioners please email or give copy to Deacon Michael Hangan: [moonahlutana@aohtas.org.au](mailto:moonahlutana@aohtas.org.au) or Monica Sianski: [esianski@bigpond.com](mailto:esianski@bigpond.com).

## **ST THERESE'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

Items for the St Therese's Catholic School Christmas Giving Tree, need to be returned this weekend or by Monday at the latest. The gift item (e.g. Girl/Boy 5 years) must be wrapped, tag placed onto the item and **placed into the basket in the Church foyer**. Food items need ***not*** be wrapped but the tag placed onto the item and **placed into the basket in the Church foyer**. Additional food items (unwrapped) can be provided and placed into the basket as well. All donations will be distributed next week prior to Christmas.

## **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.

## **VOLUNTEER MINISTERIES**

With the holiday period over December/January the rosters for Communion Ministers and Lectors will not be operating. Volunteers are sought during this time. If you would like to assist the Parish during this time please add your names to the sheets located in the foyer.

## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Br Sean McManus cfc, Br Peter Flint cfc and I will be hosting a Christmas lunch together this year for anyone, singles, couples or lone families to come who would otherwise be celebrating alone. It will be at the presbytery on Christmas Day at approx. 12:30pm. Let me know if you intend to come to celebrate the Saviour's Birth with food, wine and good company, so we can organise. Blessings Fr Mark MSC.

## **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.

## **JOSEPHITE CALENDARS**

A number of copies of the 2018 Josephite Calendar have arrived. The cost per calendar is \$8.50.

## **COLUMBAN CALENDARS**

The Moonah Mission Shop has a number of copies of the 2018 Columban Calendars for sale. The cost per calendar is \$9.00.

## **PARISH HELP WANTED**

The Parish is looking for volunteer assistance to help with the gardening of the parish gardens. This could be of interest to a single person or a group of people. Let's keep our Parish Church beautiful and its gardens free from weeds. All you need to do is come along when it suits. The areas in need are the Church, Parish Centre and Presbytery surrounds.

## **L'ARCHE AUSTRALIA "SHARE A MEAL"**

L'Arche Australia's main fundraising event is 'Share a Meal'. This is a wonderful exciting opportunity to support L'Arche. As a community we will be hosting a "Share a Meal" for L'Arche Australia in August 2018. If you are able to assist with the planning of this event please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the church foyer.

## **THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

You are invited to join a group of like-minded people, who are thinking about becoming Catholic. We meet most Thursday evenings in the Chapel in the Parish Centre at 7:00pm. If you are interested please see Fr Mark.

## **CHRISTMAS ISSUE** **CATHOLIC STANDARD**

The Christmas issue of the Catholic Standard is available in the Church Foyer. The highlights are:

- Australian Catholic Youth Festival brings hope for young Catholics;
- Parishioners encouraged to live faith vibrantly through Mission Evenings;
- Hospitality and hope the hallmarks of ministry (Emmanuel Centre 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary);
- Human Rights award for MacKillop Timor-Leste immersions;
- Benedictine brothers enter novitiate;
- Christmas cards a mission to spread faith and bring hope;
- Safe Communities tackling issues raised by Royal Commission.

## **LOOKING FOR HOUSE TO RENT**

Young reliable couple, practising Catholics, non-smokers, no pets, seeking to rent a house or flat in the Moonah area from 26 December. References available. Contact 0426 496 864 if you can help. (Max \$220 pw).

The Catholic Archdiocese of Hobart invites you to attend the inaugural

# Carols on the Hill

Sunday 17 December  
Guilford Young College Oval  
Patrick Street, Hobart  
7 - 9.00pm

To reserve your tickets, go to [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au) and enter 'Carols on the Hill' as your search criteria or scan the QR code.

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

Tickets for the inaugural Archdiocese of Hobart's Carols on the Hill 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 Sunday, December 17 from 7pm to 9pm, with gates opening at 6pm. The oval is secure and can comfortably hold around 1200 people, making it an ideal venue for families with children. Compered by Tasmanian-born speaker and author Sam Clear, Carols on the Hill will feature local group and individual performances, as well as community carol singing. The lighting of candles as dusk descends on the city is sure to make for a memorable carols event. The Catholic Education Giving Tree will offer people the opportunity to donate non-perishable food items to support those in need this Christmas, and families are invited to light a candle and say a prayer at the nativity scene. **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 require 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 enter 'Carols on the Hill' as your search criteria.**

**SIMBANG GABI.**

*It's the Annual Filipino-Australian Tradition of praising Jesus during the Month of December; which starts with the Eucharistic Mass, Christmas Songs and then Christmas Party Dinner. It will be held at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Bridgewater-Brighton Parish, 23rd December at 7:00 PM Everybody is welcome for this celebration.*

**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 or to book visit [www.waytostjames.com.au](http://www.waytostjames.com.au) or take a flyer from the church foyer.

**IMMACULATA MISSION SCHOOL**

1st-10th Jan 2018, HOBART, Tasmania "To know God, to love God, to make God known"

**What?** An awesome opportunity to grow in faith & fellowship! Featuring talks on the faith, daily Mass, fellowship, prayer times and lots of fun. **Who?** 15-35 year olds  
**Where?** Jane Franklin Hall, South Hobart, Tasmania **Cost:** \$410 (all-inclusive of accommodation, meals & activities).

**Contact:** 0406 372 608 or

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

**To register or for more info:**

<http://sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims-2018>.

## NEW TESTAMENT GREEK COURSE

Dr David Daintree of the Christopher Dawson Centre, in association with the Verbum Domini Institute, will offer an intensive course in the *koine* Greek of the New Testament. **Where:** Diocesan Centre, 35 Tower Rd, New Town. **When:** 29 Jan-2 Feb., 9am-3pm daily. **Cost:** \$100 plus textbook (pensioner concession available). **Registrations and information:** Dr Christine Wood, 6208-6236 or [christine.wood@aohtas.org.au](mailto:christine.wood@aohtas.org.au).

## 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@griegtograceaus.org.au](mailto:info@griegtograceaus.org.au) or phone 0407704539. For more information visit [www.griegtograce.org](http://www.griegtograce.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 on the confidential phone lines 03 62298739 or 0478599241.

## 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.

## STEWARDSHIP

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” -  
**1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 -18**

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 1,348.20
Loose:	\$ 873.80
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$2,222.00</b>
<u>Week's Budget:</u>	<u>\$ 2,368.00</u>
<b>Deficit:</b>	<b>\$ -146.00</b>

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VOTE **1** for ALDERMAN  
**Michael Hangan**

wants transparency and accountability  
at Glenorchy City Council.

- ✓ Is a resident of Glenorchy;
- ✓ Has 20 years experience in Local Government;
- ✓ Is a Father of 4 Children; and
- ✓ Is focused on the Community.

**TEAM KRISTIE**

"A team of independent candidates united by common values, to give the community their voice back and to see Council put the community's best interest first."

Authorised by Michael Hangan  
19 Atherton Avenue, WEST MOONAH 7009

## **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, Marie Morrisby,  
Marian Zieba, Alan O'Rourke,  
Lorna Brazendale, Natasha Gutteridge.*

### ***Anniversaries***

*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,  
Wladyslaw Dorzdz, Geoffrey Brazendale,  
Hermino Gabriel, Nellie Cashion,  
Anna Catharina Stokman,  
Eileen Hardinge Anna Balazs,  
Wasyl Haluszak, Harold Vivian Halton,  
Jan (John) Rakowski, Susane Hansch,  
Jean Mary Round, Michael Duggan,  
Nancy Mackey, Aleksander Cisak,  
Pauline Sikora, Mary Hinds,  
Jadwiga Wyrwa, Fr John Northey,  
Gladys Haley, Alicja Krawczyk,  
Janet Jones, Kathleen Mary Wood,  
Carol Trojan, Joshua Flack, Otto Fritz,  
Jadwiga Dmuchowski,  
Marianna Gladysz, Paul Taylor,  
Elizabeth Ann Rakowski,  
Teresita Gabriel Despacio.*

### ***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)

### **TOWARDS HEALING HELPLINE:**

Phone: 1800 356 613

### **TRUTH JUSTICE & HEALING**

#### **COUNCIL:**

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

## READINGS

*16th / 17th December, 2017*

*Third Sunday of Advent—Year B*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

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

Indeed, the Lord is near.

### FIRST READING: (Isaiah 61:1 - 2; 10 - 11)

I exult for joy in the Lord.

### PSALM: (Luke 1:46 - 50, 53 - 54)

My soul rejoices in my God.

### SECOND READING: (1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 24)

May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Isaiah 61:1)

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

### GOSPEL: (John 1:6 - 8, 19 - 28)

There stands among you, unknown to you,  
the one who is coming after me.

## MASS TIMES

Monday 18th to Sunday 24th December  
2017

	<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 6:30pm 9:00pm	10:45am Midnight

## READINGS/ROSTERS

*23rd / 24th December, 2017*

*Fourth Sunday of Advent—Year B*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

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: (2 Samuel 7:1 - 5; 8 - 12, 14, 16)

The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.

### PSALM: (Psalm 88:2 - 5, 27, 29)

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

### SECOND READING: (Romans 16:25 - 27)

The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Luke 1:38)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:  
may his will for me be done.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: (Luke 1:26 - 38)

You will conceive and bear a son.

### Saturday 6:30pm

*Readers* Margaret Henderson,  
Shane Poulson

*Ministers* Phil Blake, Gerry McGushin

*Projector* Eva Hangan

### Sunday 9:00am

*Readers* Phyllis Nicoll, Maria Rodgers

*Ministers* Paul de Groot,  
Maureen Pangrazzi

*Sick* Paul de Groot

*Projector* Eva Hangan

### Sunday 6:30pm (Children's Christmas Vigil)

*Readers* Volunteer

*Ministers* Volunteer

*Projector* Volunteer

### Sunday 9:00pm (Christmas Midnight Mass)

*Readers* Volunteer

*Ministers* Volunteer

*Projector* Volunteer

*Altar* Fran Smith

*Cleaning* Kerrie Morrisby, Marj Smith

*Counters* Roy Munro, David Devereux