

# 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 June, 2018

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

## FROM THE PASTOR

### STIRRING THE SMOULDERING ASHES OF OUR FAITH

Anyone who has ever watched a fire knows that at a point the flames subside and disappear into smouldering coals which themselves eventually cool and turn into cold, grey ash. But there's a moment in that process, before they cool off, that the coals can be stirred so as to make them burst into flame again.

That's the image St. Paul uses to encourage us to rekindle the fires of our faith when they seem to be burning low: "I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that was once given you." It's a meaningful image. Our faith sometimes needs some stirring in its roots to make it alive and effective again. But how's that to be done? How do we stir into flame again the fire of our faith?

We stir our faith back into flame by re-situating ourselves inside its roots. Despite the fact that faith is a divine gift, it can be helpful sometimes to journey back and examine what earthly forces helped plant the faith inside us.

Who and what helped give us faith? Of course, that's a deeply personal question that each of us can only answer for himself or herself. For myself, when I try to go back and touch the roots of my faith a number of things come into focus.

First, there was the faith and witness of my parents, the critical piece. Faith was the most important thing in their lives and they did everything in their power to ensure that this was true too for us, their children. And their lives never belied their faith. That's a strong witness and a gift of incalculable value.

Then there was the witness of my parish church, a rural, immigrant community, small enough so that everyone knew everyone else's joys and sorrows and were able to share them in faith, even if not always in full neighbourly warmth. It takes a village to raise a child, in my case it was a parish. As a boy growing up, I could glance around a church and see most everyone I knew, friend or not, all kneeling together in one faith. That's a rarity today and no small gift.

Next came the dedication and faith witness of the Ursuline sisters who came into our rural community to teach in our public schools and were not only our best teachers academically but also catechised us. By the time I'd reached my teens, I'd memorised two catechisms and had a solid intellectual grasp of the tenets of my faith, a gift of such importance I recognised only later on.

# FROM THE PASTOR

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Finally, and in a way that left deep, permanent roots in my soul, there was the voice of the God of my youth. During my youth, God's voice was strong and clear inside me.

Admittedly some of what I took to be God's voice then was in actuality the voice of fear, timidity, tribalism, and what Freudians term the superego. But, that being admitted, God's voice was there too, unavoidable, clear. I know that because much of my youthful fear, timidity, crass tribalism, and superego have long since departed, and the voice of the God of my youth remains inside me still.

However, now, sometimes that voice can be quite silent, and it can feel as simply the voice of the naiveté of my youth – Santa, the Easter Bunny, and Jesus – and not something that's real anymore or indeed ever was really real. For me, as for everyone, faith-wise, sometimes my imagination and affectivity simply run dry so that my preoccupations preclude God's presence. It's then that I need to stir the seemingly smouldering coals of my faith by making a journey back to reground myself in the reality of my parents' faith, in the reality of what branded my soul in our small parish community, in the reality of the witness and catechesis of the Ursuline sisters who taught me, and, not least, in that clear, deeply moral, divine voice that spoke inside me and guided me in my youth.

This kind of journey, I believe, can be helpful for most everybody, with one cautionary flag: The seeming silence of God in our lives as adults can in fact be a deeper modality of God's presence rather than a sign of a deteriorating faith. The voice of God often seems clear in our youth but later on that clarity gives way to what the mystics call "dark nights of the soul", where God's seeming absence is not a question of a loss of faith but of a new, richer, less-imaginative mode of God's presence in our lives. Fervour is not always a sign of a deep faith, just as the seeming absence of God is not necessarily a sign of a weakening faith. God must be patiently waited for and will arrive in our lives only on God's terms, not ours.

Even so, St. Paul's advice remains: "I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that was once given you."

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

In His Heart

Fr Mark MSC

# **PARISH NOTICES**

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CONFIRMATION**

Sacramental preparation for Confirmation has commenced. Please pray for our Parish children who are preparing for Confirmation on Saturday, 7th July 2018 at 6:30pm. The dates for preparation meetings are:

- **Presentation of Creed - THIS** Sunday, 17th June, Mass, 9:00am. Candidates will be presented with the Creed during Mass. This will be followed by the **Second Workshop**, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre immediately following the 9:00am Mass.
- **Mass - NEXT** Sunday, 24th June, Mass, 9:00am. This will be followed by the **Third Workshop**, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre immediately following the 9:00am Mass.
- **Practice & Archbishop's Visit -** Thursday, 5th July. 5:45pm, **Practice for Confirmation in Church**, for Parents, Candidates and Sponsors. **Visit of Archbishop Julian**, 6:45pm in Parish Centre, for Parents, Candidates and Sponsors.
- **Confirmation with Mass**, Saturday, 7th July, at 6:30pm, for Parents, Candidates, Sponsors and Family.

## **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & ROSARY**

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

## **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.

## **NEW EMAIL ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBERS PARISH & FR MARK**

Our transitioning to our new email address and phone number is now complete. The email address for the Parish, Fr Mark and Fr Kaz together with the new phone numbers are listed in the contacts section of this bulletin.

## **FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART**

Thank you to all who assisted for the Feast of the Sacred Heart last weekend (catering and, liturgy) and for those who helped plan for the day. A prayer card is offered for you to take home this weekend.

## **EVANGELISATION AND MISSION EVENING**

**Christ, our Hope and Joy** is a Mission Evening to be held in the Church on Wednesday, 4 July 2018, commencing at 5.30pm, concluding at 7.30pm. The Mission Evening is an initiative of the Archbishop who will give the mission talk. The evening will include song, testimony, preaching, adoration and prayer. All parishioners are invited to attend this evening of spiritual renewal.

## **ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP: APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN**

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018. **Details and application:** <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

## **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 to attend.

## LATEST EDITION CATHOLIC STANDARD

The latest edition of the Catholic Standard is available in the Church foyer. Articles include:

- Michael Smith ordained a permanent deacon;
- Catholics walk with Christ through the streets;
- Visiting East Timorese workers add enthusiasm and vibrancy - George Town Catholic parish;
- Claremont Parish celebrates diamond anniversary with blessing of altar
- 'Yes' to Redress;
- Sacred Heart Geeveston celebrates 80 years of school;
- John Fox retires after 61 years of serving at the altar;
- Knights seek new members to expand good works;
- Tasmanian Catholic Youth Festival;
- Friendship tree branches out to offer warm welcome - Burnie-Wynyard Parish

## OLD VIRGILIAN'S ASSOCIATION

The Old Virgilian's Association's next luncheon will be held at St Virgil's College, Austins Ferry campus on Tuesday, 27th June, from 12 noon until 2:00pm. A two course meal with drinks (\$30.00) is provided. All Old Virgilians and friends are invited. For catering purposes please advise attendance - email: [peter.imlach@gmail.com](mailto:peter.imlach@gmail.com) or call 0417 032 614.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE STATE CONFERENCE

**Attention All Ladies!** You are invited to attend the 61<sup>st</sup> State Conference of Catholic Women's League Tas. Inc. at the Hobart Airport Travelodge Motel Cambridge on **29<sup>th</sup> August** through to **31<sup>st</sup> August, 2018**. Come and stay. **Hear wonderful speakers** Sonia Di Mezza and Doctor Deirdre Little. *Enjoy the best two days* with great company and like-minded people. **For details** of how to book, contact: Jan Phone 03 6265 2321

## WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMAGE

JANUARY 2019

The Archdiocese of Hobart is planning to take young people to the upcoming World Youth Day in Panama, to be held in January 2019. If you are aged between 18-35 years old, please take one of the postcards located in the Church foyer. The estimated cost is around \$5,000 per person. Additionally, if you are interested please see Deacon Michael so planning can be commenced to assist with fundraising towards your attendance.

## RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Many men and women who suffer grief after an abortion need hope to move on. You are not alone, there is hope after an abortion experience. We can help. Our next Rachel's Vineyard retreat for healing after abortion will be held in Hobart on August 31st to September 2nd. To speak to someone please call Anne Sherston on the confidential phone lines 03 62298739 or 0478599241.

## PLANNED GATHERING "

### "HEART CENTERED LEADERSHIP

On 14th to 16th September at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park, training in Heart Centred Leadership to people in MSC Parishes will be offered. The course will be over a weekend starting on Friday evening and finishing lunch time Sunday and will be based on the very successful programme offered to people in MSC Colleges. Facilitators Alison McKenzie (Chevalier Institute) and Narita Perrotta (Hindmarsh/Findon Parish). Participants will explore what it means to be a leader in formation in Spirituality of the Heart for people in leadership roles in MSC parishes. It is envisaged that there will be two or three participants from each MSC parish. Costs are to be advised together with the final programme. If you are interested please see Deacon Michael.

## **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 or email [ben.smith@aohtas.org.au](mailto:ben.smith@aohtas.org.au).

## **STEWARDSHIP**

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body.” – 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10

We are all accountable for the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

### **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

|                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Envelopes:                        | \$ 1,406.80        |
| Loose:                            | \$ 863.90          |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                     | <b>\$ 2,270.70</b> |
| <u>Week's Budget Collections:</u> | <u>\$ 2,538.00</u> |
| <b>LOSS</b>                       | <b>-\$ 267.30</b>  |

**Thank You!**

## **GOD PRODUCES THE HARVEST**

Ez 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

Jesus tells parables from people's daily life experience. Today we are offered a couple of parables of the kingdom in rural terms. It was a common sight to see a farmer spreading seed over his ploughed paddock. The word of God is sown in our hearts and produces a harvest far greater than we could hope for.

There is something happening that is much bigger than ourselves. This harvest can never be measured by our human efforts. There is no place for anxiety or for pride. The seed is good and so is the soil. While we are awake and while we sleep, the seed is taking root in our lives. We have to receive the seed into our hearts and allow it to work. We are being asked to wait on God, as Jesus did in his life, free of care and believing that the promise made would be fulfilled.

Within the seed there is an inner force that first sprouts into a small stalk and then gradually blossoms into the full ear of the wheat. Flour is made from the wheat, and finally bread – common food for human life. An essential element of the kingdom is that it is a gift and God is the farmer. We are merely his assistants. If we fail to recognise that God takes the initiative then we fail to understand our place in the scheme of things.

The second parable of the mustard seed reminds us that we can easily miss the Kingdom. Yet when this seed is sown, it grows into a tree where all the birds of the air can rest. We are encouraged not to judge by appearances. God is at work among us even when we fail to see it. Besides, there is room for all of us to find shelter in this kingdom. The prophet Ezekiel looked forward to final restoration of Israel and so he could write: On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live, in the shade of its branches will nest creatures of every kind. (Ez 17:23)

*Noel Mansfield, msc ©*



**A man scatters seed'**

Mark 4:26 Good News Bible

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**Plenary Council 2020**  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

**ARCHDIOCESE OF HOBART - DIOCESE WORKING GROUP.**

The Archbishop has appointed a Working Group to begin discussing the most effective means for consultation proposed by the Plenary Council. The members of the Working Group are:-

Robert McManus (Chair) (Bellerive-Lindisfarne Parish);

Anita Cunningham (Launceston Parish);

Jeremy Pritchard (Kingston Channel Parish);

Crisobel Sindu (Cathedral Parish);

Olivia Burdick (Huon Valley Parish);

Sr Majella Kelly;

John Archer (Mersey Leven Parish);

Mary Clear (Launceston Parish);

An Executive Officer will be appointed shortly..

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR OUR PARISH?**

No change, we are still seeking your response to the question below.

**HAVE YOUR SAY** - Everyone is invited to respond to the question:

**“WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD IS ASKING OF US IN AUSTRALIA AT THIS TIME?”**



## **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,  
Alan O'Rourke, Marie Morrisby,  
Lorna Brazendale, Leo Manning,  
Felicity Matthews, Marie Knight.*

### ***Anniversaries***

*Christopher Dawes, Dorothy M. Elliott,  
Fr Dallas Cox, Lewis Johnson,  
Milton Maywood, Doris Higgins,  
Fr Aloysius English, Kelvin Baldock,  
Barney Curtin, Leonore Scanlon,  
Ronald James Munro,  
Beverly Dawn Morrisby, Colleen Pattison,  
Kathleen Johnson, Fr Michael Tierney,  
Stephan Almonaitis, Eddy Jakob,  
Francis Mary Morgan, Rosalie Nemeč,  
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, Theo Driessen,  
Domenico Passarelli, Herbert Patrick Coad,  
Maria Czerniawski, Lawrence B. McGuinness,  
Maria Opiniano, Terry Cashion,  
Paul Monaghan, Urban Haley, Betty Oliver,  
Fr William Clune, Reginald Halton,  
Charles Desire, John Arthur Dance,  
Patrick Adolphus Holloway,  
Carolina De Narin, Lil Donovan, Jose Gabriel,  
Ruby Kathleen Desire, Sr Gwen Dooley,  
Michal Czerniawski, Vittoria Matiello,  
Gaetano Pace, Jozef Lepak,  
Emmanuel (Geoff) Van Luxemborg,  
Denis Shelverton.*

### ***Recently Deceased***

*Genowefa Grzegorzcyk, Br Jack Higgins cfc*

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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

*17th June, 2018*

*11th Sunday in Ordinary Time -  
Year B*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.

Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

### FIRST READING: (Ezekiel 17:22-24)

I have made the small tree great.

### PSALM: (Psalm 91:2-3, 13-16)

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

### SECOND READING: (2 Corinthians 5:6-10)

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;

all who come to him will live forever.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: (Mark 4:26-34)

The mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

## MASS TIMES

Monday 18th to Sunday 24th June 2018

|           | <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<br>4:30pm | 10:45am       |

## READINGS/ROSTERS

*24th June, 2018*

*The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist  
- Year B*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

He will be great in the sight of the Lord and will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb; and many will rejoice at his birth.

### FIRST READING: (Jeremiah 1:4-10)

Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.

### PSALM: (Psalm 70:1-6, 15, 17)

Since my mother's womb, you have been my strength.

### SECOND READING: (1 Peter 1:8-12)

The prophets searched and inquired for this salvation.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

He came to bear witness to the light, to prepare an upright people for the Lord.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: (Luke 1:5-17)

A son is born to you and you will name him John.

### Saturday 6:30pm

*Readers* Monica & Ed Sianski

*Ministers* Gerry McGushin, Steve Randell

*Projector* Anne Thuringer

### Sunday 9:00am

*Readers* Tony Webb, Melissa Philp

*Ministers* Simone McManus, Eva Hangan

*Sick* Michael Hangan

*Projector* Izak Hangan

### Sunday 4:30pm

*Readers* Melissa Brown, John Kitt

*Ministers* Carlene Larkin, Eva Hangan

*Projector* Kerrie Morrisby

*Altar* Monica Sianski & Victoria Maty

*Cleaning* Fracalossi Family

*Counters* David Devereux & Joe Higgins