

St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish

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St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

Sunday 18th March, 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B



FROM THE PASTOR

OUR MOST COMMON SIN

Classically, Christianity has listed seven sins as “deadly” sins, meaning that most everything else we do which is not virtuous somehow takes its root in one of these congenital propensities. These are the infamous seven: *pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath, and sloth.*

In spiritual literature the first three, *pride, greed, and lust* get most of the ink and attention. Pride is presented as the root of all sin, Lucifer’s primordial defiance of God as forever echoed in our own lives: *I will not serve!* Greed is seen as the basis for our selfishness and our blindness towards others and lust has often been given the ultimate notoriety, as if the Sixth Commandment were the only commandment.

Not to deny the importance of these, but I suspect that the sin which most commonly afflicts us and is not much mentioned in spiritual literature is *wrath*, that is, anger and hatred. I venture to say that most of us operate, however unconsciously, out of anger and this shows itself in our constant criticism of others, in our cynicism, in our jealousy of others, in our bitterness, and in our inability to praise others. And unlike most of our other sins, anger is easy to camouflage and rationalise as virtue.

At one level, anger often rationalises itself as justified indignation over the foibles, stupidity, egotism, greed, and faults of others: *How can I not be angry given what I see every day!* Here anger shows itself in our constant irritation and in our quickness to correct, criticise, and make a cynical remark. Conversely, we’re very slow to praise and affirm. Perfection then becomes the enemy of the good and since nothing and no one is perfect, we’re always in critical mode and we see this as a virtue rather than for what it in fact is, namely, an inchoate anger and unhappiness inside of ourselves.

But our unhappy cynicism isn’t the biggest problem here. More seriously, anger too often parades itself as Godly-virtue, as righteousness, as prophecy, as a healthy, divinely-inspired militancy for truth, for cause, for virtue, for God. And so we define ourselves as “holy warriors” and “vigilant defenders of truth”, taking justification in the popular (though false) conception that prophets are angry people, on passionate fire for God.

FROM THE PASTOR

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However, there's a near infinite distance between true prophetic anger and the anger that today commonly parades itself as prophecy. Daniel Berrigan, in his criteria for prophecy, submits (and rightly) that a prophet is someone who takes a vow of love, not of alienation. Prophecy is characterised by love aching for reconnection, not anger pushing for separation.

And love isn't generally what characterises most so-called prophetic anger in our world today, especially as it pertains to God, religion, and defence of truth. You see this in its worst form in Islamic extremism where, in the name of God, every kind of hatred, violence, and random murder puts on God's cloak. Blaise Pascal captures this well in his *Pensees* where he writes: "Men never do evil so completely and cheerfully as when they do it from religious conviction." He's wrong on one thing; mostly we aren't doing it cheerfully but angrily. One only has to read the letters to the editor in our newspapers, listen to most talk-radio stations, or listen to any debate on politics, religion, or morality to see raw hatred and anger justifying themselves on moral and divine grounds.

There is such a thing as healthy prophetic anger, a fiery response when the poor of God, the word of God, or the truth of God are being slandered, abused, or neglected. There are important causes and boundaries to be defended. But prophetic anger is an anger that emanates out of love and empathy and always, regardless of the hatred it meets, still exhibits love and empathy, like a loving mother in the face of a belligerent child. Jesus on occasion exhibits this kind of anger, but his anger is antithetical to most of what masquerades as prophetic anger today, where love and empathy are so noticeably absent.

Someone once said that we spend the first half of life struggling with the Sixth Commandment, and then spend the second-half of life struggling with the Fifth Commandment: *Thou shalt not kill!* We see this illustrated in the famous parable of the *Prodigal Son*, his Older Brother, and his Prodigal Father. The younger son is effectively out of his father's house through wrestling with the seductive energies of youth. The older brother is just as effectively outside his father's house, not through sin, but through wrestling with anger.

As a young boy I was catechised to confess "bad thoughts" as sinful, but bad thoughts then were defined as sexual thoughts. As we age, I suggest, we might continue to confess "bad thoughts", but now those "bad thoughts" have to do with anger.

A cynic, it's said, is someone who has given up, but not shut up! He's also someone who has confused one of the seven deadly sins, wrath, with virtue.

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI ©

In the Heart of Jesus

Fr Mark Hanns MSC

PARISH NOTICES

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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & ROSARY

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Friday after the 12 noon Mass until 5:00pm in the Chapel in the Parish Centre. The Rosary is prayed between 4:00pm - 5:00pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

A lay-led prayer service will be held immediately after the 9:15am Monday Mass, 11:00am Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and Sunday at 3:00pm. The Saturday and Sunday is especially for Children. All are welcome.

LENTEN PROGRAM

Lenten Prayer Group on Wednesday is at 10:30am in the Community Room. The Thursday Lenten Prayer group on Thursday at 7:00pm in the Chapel in the Saints Louis and Zelig Martin Parish Centre.

MSC FEAST DAY

We are seeking interested parishioners to form a sub-committee to work towards a Parish celebration for the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This year's feast day is on Friday, 8th June with the possibility of celebrating the feast across the weekend. If you are interested in helping to plan this celebration please place your name onto the sheet in the Church foyer.

"OUR CHURCH, OUR COMMUNITY, OUR COMMITMENT" 2018-2021

If you were unable to return your pledge commitments of Time, Talent and Treasure over the last two weekends, please place these onto the collection plate **this weekend** as the rosters will be prepared next week. If you are presently on a roster (Lector, Minister of Communion, Cleaning, Counting, Altar etc.) or currently part of the offertory (planned) giving (envelopes) you need to complete the required form of Time/Talent or Treasure, to ensure your continued pledging of either/or Time, Talent or Treasure is continued. This Pledge is your offering to God. In accord with the vision and the values of Jesus, we are striving to build a welcoming and inclusive community to provide life-giving support and services to all peoples. This is a time for renewal for everyone.

WORK WANTED

Silpa Thomas is looking for all types of data entry jobs, web site development or software development. If you know of anything please contact Silpa on 0450 123 721.

COLES - SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS DOCKETS

Coles is running the "Sports for Schools" docket promotion whereby if you spend \$10 you can receive a voucher. These vouchers allow St Therese's School to redeem the vouchers for sports equipment. So if you are able to collect these vouchers you can place them into the Big Blue Box in the Church Foyer. This promotion runs until 3rd April 2018.

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.

ST MARY'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY

St Mary's College warmly welcomes prospective parents and students to Open Day on Thursday 22nd March, 9.30am-12.30pm. Take a tour, speak with our students and staff and see what we get up to on a regular day at St Mary's College. Tours depart regularly from 9.30am. Register on the day at Reception at the lower Brisbane Street entrance. For further enquiries email enrol@smc.tas.edu.au or call 6108 2560.

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 or phone 0407704539. For information visit www.griegtograce.org.

RECONCILIATION

On Saturday 14th April there will be a Mass for Religious of the Archdiocese at 11:00am in the Church. Thus there will be **no** 11:00am Reconciliation on that day. Fr Mark.

ST MARY'S COLLEGE 150th ANNIVERSARY

GALA DINNER

Kick up your heels – it's time to party! We are very excited to announce that tickets to our 150th Anniversary Gala Dinner are now available for purchase. All members of the St Mary's College community are invited to join us in celebrating our major milestone by attending the dinner, which will be held from 5.30pm on Saturday 12 May 2018 at the Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart. Tickets are \$89 a head (includes three courses and musical entertainment). Book a ticket and let us know with whom you would like to sit (e.g. other alumni from your graduating year) or get together a group of friends and book a whole table! Go to www.smc.tas.edu.au/150th-anniversary/ to buy your tickets. For more information contact hello@eventsphere.com.au or 0418 325 927

KENOSIS RETREAT

Kenosis means self emptying and refers to God, putting his divinity aside to come amongst us as a human being. This retreat we will explore who we are so as to accept ourselves and truly be in a position to empty ourselves for others. Date: June 15th – 18th 2018, Presenter: Fr Ray Sanchez C.P. Venue: Maryknoll House of Prayer, Blackman's Bay. Further information call Anne on 0407704539 or email journallingretreat@iinet.net.au.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP **2018 NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE**

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. **Commence in Melbourne 23rd October, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 3rd November 2018. COST EX HOBART: \$3,355.00** (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). **A SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$700.00.** For further information, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 0417 683123 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CRAFT **SHOP**

The Catholic Women's League Craft Shop is located in Mathers Place, 108 Bathurst Street and is open Monday to Friday 10:00am to 3:00pm. Phone Enquiries on 03 6234 1513. This shop is stocked with affordable goods—knitting for babies, toddlers, shawls, tea cosies, caps, bed socks, handcrafted toys, tea towels etc., cards for all occasions and many more, seeing is believing. **Note: with Easter approaching the shop stocks some wonderful Easter gifts.** Proceeds enable the Catholic Women's League to donate to several charities.

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 Sherston on the confidential phone lines 03 62298739 or 0478599241.

VOLUNTEER WITH PALMS AUSTRALIA - **GET OUT THERE AND BE THE CHURCH,** **"BRUISED, HURTING AND DIRTY"**



Palms
Australia

Do you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills? Ever thought of **sharing them with our global family** to reduce poverty and make a fairer world? Palms volunteers help **build capacity** of overseas communities **over the long term.** They don't do quick fixes on short stays, but immerse themselves in another culture and exchange skills within **trusting, mutually beneficial relationships.** Right now, schools, clinics and community organisations in the Pacific, Asia and Africa, seek volunteers to mentor their local personnel and develop communities sustainably. **Are you ready to "Get out there?" Contact Christine at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or go to www.palms.org.au/volunteer/**

CALVARY HOSPITAL SEEKING **MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Is God calling you to minister to the vulnerable and sick in our community? Calvary Hospitals are seeking Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to join our team of voluntary Parish Visitors. You would bring the Sacrament after Mass on one Sunday a month to be distributed to Catholic patients currently in our hospitals. This would require a monthly commitment of around one hour. There are vacancies at both our Lenah Valley and St John's South Hobart campuses. No experience required, just a heart for those in need and a willingness to be trained and endorsed by your parish priest. Speak to your parish priest regarding your interest, or if you have any further questions, contact Sean Conry, Pastoral Care Manager for Calvary Hobart on 6278 5232.

**HOBBY MIX'S STANDARD GRADE
COCO-PEAT**

If you are interested in purchasing Coco-peat block these are now available from a local parishioner, who is financing herself through university, by calling 0426 496 864. The Coco-peat is available for \$12.00 per block or 4 blocks for \$10.00 each. Further information visit www.hobbymix.com.au or email info@hobbymix.com.au or calling 0426 496 864.

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.



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 2,082.40
Loose:	\$ 926.00
TOTAL:	\$ 3,008.40
<u>Week's Budget Collections:</u>	<u>\$ 2,368.00</u>
SURPLUS	\$ \$640.40

Thank You!

STEWARDSHIP

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." - **Jeremiah 31:33**

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognise that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbours and the world, just as God cares for us.

EASTER MASS TIMES

29th March

THURSDAY of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm
(Combined Communities)

30th March

Stations of the Cross 10:00am
FRIDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

3:00pm
Polish 5:00pm

31st March

The EASTER VIGIL in the HOLY NIGHT
(Combined Communities) 7:30pm

1st April (Daylight saving time ends at 3:00am)

SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION

Resurrection Mass (Polish) 7:00am
Mass 9:00am
Mass (Polish) 10:45am
NO MASS 4:30PM

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

*Thanh Huynh, Shirley Lehner, Susan Wilson,
Fr Peter Nicholls, Josh Stokes, Maria Di Noia,
Lise Levaque, Mary Hughes, Drina Paradzik,
Jay Jennings, Olga Woods, Tony Dalton,
Elsa Bazan, Bev Murray,
Kayden Edwards, Marie Morrisby,
Marian Zieba, Alan O'Rourke,
Lorna Brazendale, Leo Manning,
Genowefa Grzegorzczak, Felicity Matthews.*

Anniversaries

*Wladyslaw Osuckowski, Giuseppe Cugino,
Marjorie Williams, Joanne Maree Read,
Lawrence Triffett, Frank Brown,
John Skaraupa, Jan Cisak,
Wladyslaw Gniasek, Paul Krizanovic,
Bertram Williams, Mary Monaghan,
Aloisy Kempa, Bridget Beckwith,
William Clare, Lola Hutchinson OAM,
Belle Ayton, Kazimierz Jablonski,
Elizabeth Streat, Peter Hope, Zofia Cisak,
Harold Poulson, Thirza Beryl Barber,
Prudencia Gabriel Salas, Fr Norbert Baldwin,
Fr Frederick Morduant, Fredrick Hoskins,
Pate Weronika, Klaus Joseph Goerss,
Bernard Aitken, Kazimieras Paschkewizchus,
Michalina Machnik, George McGuire,
Basilio Gabriel, Kathleen Brooks,
Mavis Brown, Elvie Knights.*

Recently Deceased

*Ingrid Leszczynski,
Pauline Watts, Rex Morrisby.*

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RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 11:00am-11:30am

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES:

By appointment

ARCHDIOCESAN WEBSITE:

www.hobart.catholic.org.au

TOWARDS HEALING HELPLINE:

Phone: 1800 356 613

TRUTH JUSTICE & HEALING

COUNCIL:

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

READINGS

17th/18th March, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING: (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

PSALM: (Psalm 50:3-4, 12-15)

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

SECOND READING: (Hebrews 5:7-9)

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (John 12:26)

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: (John 12:20-33)

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

MASS TIMES

Monday 19th to Sunday 23rd March 2018

	English	Polish
Monday	9:15am	
Tuesday	No Mass	9:00am
Wednesday	12:00 noon	6:30pm
Thursday	9:15am	
Friday	12:00 noon	9:00am
Saturday	6:30pm	
Sunday	9:00am 4:30pm	10:45am

READINGS/ROSTERS

24th/25th March, 2018

Palm Sunday of the Pasion of the Lord - Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

GOSPEL: (John 12:12-16)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

FIRST READING: (Isaiah 50:4-7)

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

PSALM: (Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24)

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING: (Philippians 2:6-11)

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Philippians 2:8-9)

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: (Mark 14:1-15:47)

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Saturday 6:30pm

Readers Phil Blake, Shane Poulson
Ministers Gerry McGushin, Rexine Synnott
Projector Eva Hangan

Sunday 9:00am

Readers Eva Hangan, Melissa Philp
Ministers Simone & Brendan McManus
Sick Michael Hangan
Projector Annie Brush

Sunday 4:30pm

Readers John Kitt, Peter Flint
Ministers Marj Smith, Melissa Brown
Projector Kerrie Morrisby
Altar Monica Sianski, Victoria Maty
Cleaning Fracalossi Family
Counters Marie Anders, Kaye Wood