# St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church In the care of Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC)

# Sunday, 18th November, 2018 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

# **FROM THE PASTOR**

**AS CHRISTMAS APPROACHES** 

Burt Bacharach's and Hal David's melodious lyrics, *What the world needs now is love, sweet love...* flow over us as we gape at a city full of people as they rescue a lost Christmas present for a young man's mother. With that mission accomplished, a large clothing chain urges us to, "give a little love this Christmas". Another department store encourages me to experience "the magic" at Christmas, while a furniture outlet tries to convince me I should buy their "fresh designs for Christmas". "Ready, set, Christmas" urges me into another store, and then there's an ad for something to soothe my aching legs after all this shopping as the "perfect gift for Christmas".

I get the feeling and I'm forming the suspicion that I'm being seduced! And... I suspect that an avalanche of advertising seductions is yet to come, six weeks of it. I'm also forming the opinion that a hijack is taking place here! That first ad is clever, though; slick and full of pathos. It's appealing... and that's why it's seductive. That's what good sales and marketing does. So, what is being hijacked? Christmas! Jesus Christ Himself, his incarnation, his birth, his life, his story, his message. There is a multi-billion-dollar industry built up around the birth of Christ, but there is little acknowledgement of Christ, little recognition of him, little care for what he brought to the world. There is a tacit convention that avoids any overt acknowledgement of him. The shops which used to display Nativity scenes are doing so less and less as time progresses. Santa Claus and reindeer are the preferred replacement. The churches have become the confines for the telling of the story of Christ, and beyond their boundaries the appetite has been conditioned to ignore it. Christmas has been hollowed out and the perennial, eternal message and meaning has been replaced with things in the belief that the incessant accumulation of things will give us perennial, eternal happiness. It is now a consumerist spree, designed to get you and me to spend lots of money so that the marketers of the products can make lots of money so that they can then spend lots of money on more things to satisfy their desire for happiness with things that will satisfy for a day or two, and then when the satisfaction wears off and the "happiness" is gone, start the treadmill again and use New Year, and after that... hijack the Christian martyr St. Valentine and then hijack Holy Week and Easter. Thus, the Spirit of Christmas, of giving to the poor, has been replaced by avaricious consumption of goods we don't need. Certainly, we like to give gifts to one another, but mostly we get over-indulged.

# **FROM THE PASTOR**

The giving of gifts has its place. The gift-giving figure, Santa Claus, can be traced back to a monk named St. Nicholas, born sometime around 280 A.D. in Patara, near Myra in modern-day Turkey. Much admired for his piety and kindness, St. Nicholas became the subject of many legends. It is said that he gave away all of his inherited wealth and travelled the countryside helping the poor and sick. One of the best known of the St. Nicholas stories is that he saved three poor sisters from being sold into slavery or prostitution by their father by providing them with a dowry so that they could be married. Over the course of many years, Nicholas' popularity spread and he became known as the protector of children, the one who gave gifts to poor children, and the protector of sailors.

In moderation, the giving of gifts is a blessing. It's a sign of love for another, and is especially important for children, again in moderation. I learned the lesson in moderation in my own family on Christmas Day several decades ago when I saw how the children were flooded with presents by us adults, only to find many of the presents scattered in the paddock and forgotten in only a short time. They were unappreciated because of the over-indulgence. The following year we agreed that the children would receive one present from Santa and one present from the family. It worked much better, and the children's appreciation was a great deal healthier.

Another way of avoiding the consumerism hijack and getting back to the true spirit of Christmas, the spirit of helping the poor, would be for the adults to agree to buying an aid package for someone who is poor, especially in places around the globe where their circumstances are dire. These aid contributions could be the gift that is given and received in lieu of receiving a normal type of present that we perhaps don't need. The satisfaction of this type of giving will be far deeper than receiving. We can recall Jesus' words that there is more joy in giving than receiving (Acts 20:35).

And celebrate the birth of Christ with food, wine, family and friends. The great writer, Hilaire Belloc said,

Wherever the Catholic sun doth shine, There's always laughter and good red wine. At least I've always found it so. Benedicamus Domino!

In the Spirit of the approaching Advent and Christmas Fr Mark MSC

# SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FIRST RECONCILIATION

A time for preparing our children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation has commenced. We ask for everyone to please pray for our Parish children as they prepare for their First Reconciliation on Monday, 3rd December 2018 at 6:30pm. The dates for preparation meetings are:

- Mass THIS Sunday, 18th November, Mass, 9:00am. This will be followed by the Second Preparation Workshop, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre from approx. 10:15am to 11:15am.
- Mass NEXT Sunday, 25th November.
- Mass Sunday, 2nd December, Mass,
   9:00am. This will be followed by the Third
   Preparation Workshop, for Parents and
   Children in the Parish Centre from approx.
   10:15am to 11:15am.
- **First Reconciliation**, Monday, 3rd December, at 6:30pm, for Parents, Children and Family.

# 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 Zelie Martin Parish Centre, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Chapel from 10:00am until 11:30am. All are welcome.

#### **SILENT MEDITATION**

On 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.

# **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL POOR BOX**

In the foyer of the Church is located the Saint Vincent de Paul poor box. All monies added to the poor box go directly to those who need assistance within the St Therese's Conference area.

#### **PIETY SHOP**

To the left of the statue of Saint Therese in the Church foyer, is located the Parish Piety Shop. The Piety Shop sells a range of cards, birthday, baptism, confirmation etc. and other religious items. All proceeds go to assist the MSC Missions.

# **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

The St Therese's Saint Vincent de Paul Conference and our Parish School are seeking items of non-perishable food for Christmas hampers which will be distributed to people in need prior to Christmas. Baskets will be located in the church foyer from this weekend until mid-December. If you are able to help out this would be very much appreciated.

# **COLUMBARIUM (WALL OF ASHES)**

Fr Mark is seeking 2-3 people who would be willing to assist in ensuring that the Columbarium is kept alive with 'living flowers'. If you are able to assist please see either Fr Mark or Deacon Michael.

# **JOSEPHITE CALENDAR 2019**

The Josephite Calendar 2019 will be available this weekend for \$9.00. If you would like a calendar please see Deacon Michael.

# FR MARK'S BEARD

Fr Mark has offered his beard for the school children to support its removal, which will be occurring shortly. However his moustache will continue to grow for "Movember". Movember is an annual event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and men's suicide. To assist Fr Mark to raise funds for this cause please donate at

https://mobro.co/13940417?mc=1. All
monies raised helps out men's health issues.

#### **MOVIE NIGHT WITH THE SISTERS**

This Friday, 23rd November at 6:30pm in the Church Community Room. The film is "The Star" (2017). A computer-animated Christian family film, about the story of the Nativity of Jesus, told through the eyes of a donkey and other animals. This film is a must see for the whole family. Moving, funny, and adventurous. A great cast with a great soundtrack and all the while portraying the greatest story ever told.

# THE OLD VIRGILIANS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MASS

The Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Cathedral, Hobart, by our Chaplain, Fr. Michael Tate, on Tuesday, 20th November commencing at 11.30am. All Old Virgilians' and friends are invited to attend. The Mass will be followed by lunch in the SVC Junior School hall next to the Cathedral. Lunch will consist of a two course meal with drinks provided (\$30). For catering purposes please advise attendance to: SVC Office 6249 6555 or <a href="mailto:adminsvc@stvirgils.tas.edu.au">adminsvc@stvirgils.tas.edu.au</a>. Peter Imlach. Secretary 0417 032 614.

#### **WOMEN'S BREAKFAST**

Date claimer for a women's breakfast on Saturday 15th December 8:30am to 10:00am at Christ the Priest Church Kingston. More details later.





# **WAY TO ST JAMES PILGRIMAGE**

Have you registered yet for the Way to St James Pilgrimage which will be held on January 11th and 12th 2019? Early bird registrations have been extended by one week so make the most of this opportunity to be a part of this wonderful two-day walk through the scenic Huon Valley to the Church of St James in Cygnet. You can register here at <a href="www.waytostjames.com.au/register/">www.waytostjames.com.au/register/</a> For more information, please feel free to contact Leanne Prichard on 0409434784 or at <a href="leanne.prichard@catholic.tas.edu.au">leanne.prichard@catholic.tas.edu.au</a>







# Make an Encounter in 2019

Palms Encounters are rich immersions that challenge perceptions of our neighbours, guided by Palms mission volunteers with cultural experience of Timor Leste, Myanmar and Samoa.

Timor Leste- April & Sept Samoa - June Myanmar- November

www.palms.org.au/encounters

# **FREE GIVEAWAY BIBLES**

A number of FREE giveaway bibles are in the Community Room if anyone would like one.

# **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.

# 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 <a href="info@grieftograceaus.org.au">info@grieftograceaus.org.au</a> or phone 0478599241. For more information visit <a href="www.grieftograce.org">www.grieftograce.org</a>

# <u>STEWARDSHIP</u>

"And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory." MARK 13:26

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, "What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?" How will you respond?

# **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Envelopes: \$ 1,592.50

Loose: \$ 790.45

TOTAL: \$ 2,382.95

Week's Budget Collections:

\$ 2,538.00

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#### Thank You!

# **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.

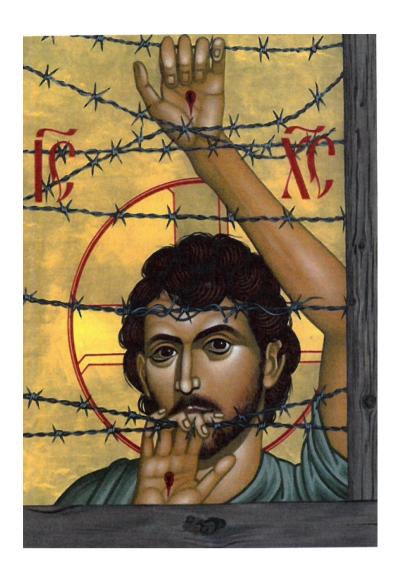
Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

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.





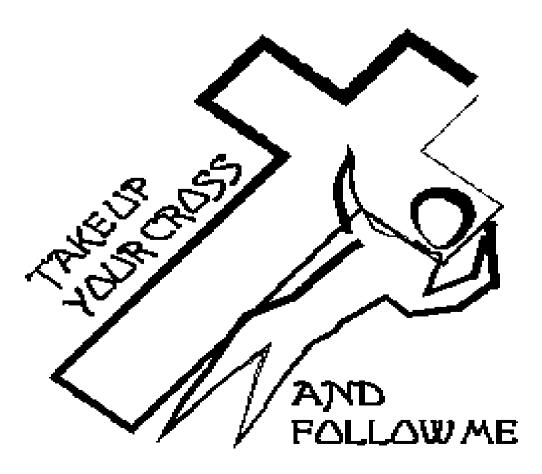
# **Christ on the Margins**

The icon does not make clear
which side of the fence Christ is on.
Is he imprisoned or are we?
Through our cultural institutions and personal lives
we all place barriers
between ourselves and true happiness.
We and our institutions also try
to imprison Christ in various ways,
to tame him
and the dangerous memories
he would bring us of our goals and ideals.
Christ on the Margins cannot be tamed.

Robert Lentz ofm

# PLAY SPORT WITH YOUTH IN PRISON WHAT BETTER WAY TO LIVE OUT YOUR FAITH?

If you are aged 18-35 and interested in this outreach activity, please contact Fr Richard Ross on mobile 0408 377 807 or email <a href="mailto:justsports.mv@gmail.com">justsports.mv@gmail.com</a> and come to an orientation reflection day at Holy Trinity, Westbury on Sunday December 2nd, commencing with the Parish Mass at 9am and concluding by 3.30pm. Police Checks and Working with Vulnerable People Cards are essential, but we will help with the process on this day.



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

# LET US PRAY FOR The Sick

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

# **Anniversaries**

William Thomas Hangan, Anna Puzinowski, Nellie Curtin, Maria Adamus, Eugeniusz Pikula, Fr Albert Cuneo, Br Denis Phillips, John Henry Imlach, Leonard Haney, Piotr Czechowski, Fr Thomas O'Loughlin, Stuart George Smith, Lachlan O'Keefe, Monica Haley, Roman Raszdorf, Matthew Grubb, Harril George Watson, Marie Beckitt, James William Monaghan, Kevin Baker, William Henry Hinds, John Aiken, Eileen Hardinge, James Malcom Monaghan, Dennis Cashion, Istuan Ferencz, Stanislaw Wojtowicz, Darrell Baldock, Jan Rodziewicz, Margaret Belcher, Rozalina Hajduk, Kerry Jones, Aleksander Bidejowski, Win Manning, Ray Voss, Gwen Kelly, Andrew Clifford, Christopher Davey, Mark Davey, Fr Kevin Graydon, Von Jenkins, Zofia Jablonski, Augustyn Celny, 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, Annie Winifred Williams, Stefan Chrost, Wladyslaw, Dorzdz, Geoffrey Brazendale, Oliver John (Jack) Baker, Herminio Gabriel, Nellie Cashion.

# Recently Deceased

Franciszka Gauden, Alicja Czapracki, Daunta Drozdz, Sr Angela Dance LCM, Zyjmunt Cislo (Brother of Adam Cislo).

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# **RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday 11:00am-11:30am

# **BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES:**

By appointment

# **ARCHDIOCESAN WEBSITE:**

www.hobart.catholic.org.au

# **SAFE COMMUNITIES:**

https://hobart.catholic.org.au/content/
safe-communities

# **TOWARDS HEALING HELPLINE:**

Phone: 1800 356 613

# **PLENARY COUNCIL:**

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

# **READINGS**

18th November, 2018 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

# **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

# FIRST READING: (Daniel 12:1-3)

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

**PSALM:** (Psalm 15:5, 8-11)

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

# **SECOND READING**: (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18)

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, pray constantly,

that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** (Mark 13:24-32)

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

# **MASS TIMES**

# **Monday 19th to Sunday 25th November 2018**

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	English	Polish
Monday	9:15am	
Tuesday	No Mass	No Mass
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**

25th November, 2018 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year B

# **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive the power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

# FIRST READING: (Daniel 7:13-14)

His sovereignty is eternal.

**PSALM:** (Psalm 92:1-2, 5)

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

# **SECOND READING:** (Revelation 1:5-8)

The ruler of the kings of the earth...made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of

David our father;

blessed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord.

Alleluia!

# **GOSPEL:** (John 18:33-37)

You say that I am a king.

# Saturday 6:30pm

**Readers** Phil Blake, Shane Poulson **Ministers** Donna Bone, Debbie Large

**Projector** Chris K

# Sunday 9:00am

**Readers** Melissa Philp, Aleksandra Lejda

Ministers Silpa Cherpanath, Maureen Pangrazzi

**Sick** Maureen Pangrazzi

**Projector** Izak Hangan

# **Sunday 4:30pm**

ReadersMelissa Brown, Carlene LarkinMinistersKerrie Morrisby, Cameron Brown

**Projector** Eva Hangan

Altar Nirmalee Mudalige & Threesa K

**Cleaning** Fracalossi Family

**Counters** Kaye Wood & Marie Anders