

St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish



Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

Sunday, 19th April, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

*ST THERESE OF LISIEUX CATHOLIC PARISH MOONAH LUTANA
IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SAFE AND NURTURING CULTURE
FOR ALL PEOPLE IN OUR PARISH.*

TO BE ON EARTH THE HEART OF GOD



Dear friends, Easter day is the first Lord's day, the first Sunday, and every Sunday is a "little Easter" for God to re-create our lives as God raised Jesus to life. This is especially true for our Sundays in Easter season, which witness in a special way to the various encounters in the early church of the risen Christ in their midst and how those encounters transformed and shaped the first disciples. We will read from the Acts of the Apostles as our first reading all this season, not so much as a history of the early Church, but as a witness to the power of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the followers of "The Way" (what the first Christians were called), which impelled them to preach and live the Good News far and wide, amid persecution. The Gospels for this and next Sunday relate to the appearances of the risen Christ to his disciples, while the subsequent Sundays attempt to use a "new vocabulary" to express the role of our risen Lord as the Good Shepherd, the Way the Truth and the Life, and so forth. These Sundays prepare us for the ultimate gift of the Holy Spirit come Pentecost at the end of the Easter season. While we are not able to gather now to celebrate these Sundays of Easter, we can continue to take heart from the promise of Jesus: "for where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them" (Matthew 18:20). The risen Christ continues to be with us in our solitude and we are spiritually in communion with each other as the Body of Christ.

What kind of resurrection can we experience during this time of lockdown? The Gospel for this second Sunday of Easter describes it best. After Jesus' death, the disciples had locked themselves into a room out of fear and the resurrected Jesus had to come through the locked doors of their resistance to breathe peace into them. This year, we certainly need the risen Christ to breathe peace into a whole world that is in lockdown. We can pray in this time of pandemic that Jesus would come through the locked doors of our homes and hearts that are filled with fear and breathe peace within. The second Sunday of Easter is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, a big feast day for many in our community that will involve praying the divine mercy chaplet. This devotion arose from St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, who reported visions and visitations from Jesus and conversations with Him. He asked her to paint the vision of His merciful divinity being poured from His sacred heart. Divine Mercy is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity. The mercy of God transcends our locked doors and offer us peace or *Shalom* which means deep contentment and wholeness. And Jesus commissions the disciples and us: "As the Father has sent me, so am I sending you." Experience the mercy of God and then go on mission! Even in this time of pandemic, we can look out for one another. Let us remember the crux of the Easter message: There is nothing to fear, nothing – not lockdown, not defeat, not threat, not loss, not sickness, not even death. The resurrection of Jesus assures us that *in the end all shall be well, and all shall be well, and every manner of being shall be well* (Julian of Norwich). If it isn't well, then it is still not the end!

Easter was never meant to bring us back to normal, and contains the potential to make all things new. I wonder what the new normal would look like post-pandemic. While I miss the Sunday community being physically present, the blessing over Easter has been the God-given courage to get out of our comfort zone and record the weekend Masses online for those who can see to stay connected to our Sunday worship. The blessing has included working more closely with a few in the Polish community to offer a bilingual Mass for both our English and Polish parishioners to tune into. This blessing has continued online and reached out to more than the usual numbers that would usually attend Mass. Will we continue recording our Masses? Perhaps this is part of the new normal in catering to an online church who is not able to be physically present at Mass for whatever reasons. Perhaps this means Easter and other important feast days in the parish can also be better done in collaboration now with both the English and Polish speaking communities involved. Whatever we decide, new possibilities, hopes and dreams have certainly emerged from this pandemic and it is an exciting time in that sense.

I like to leave the last word to Thomas whom we honour in a special way this weekend. He gets bad press for daring to doubt the risen Christ and demanding near-impossible signs: "*Unless I see the holes the nails made in his hands and put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.*" Thomas did not desire an abstraction of Jesus but a flesh and blood Jesus, a Jesus with wounds who is in solidarity with all who experience some form of crucifixion in their lives. Thomas gives us permission to doubt the presence of God in our darkness, while still being open to allow Christ to reveal himself, which led him to respond with the most heartfelt words of worship to be recorded: "*My Lord and my God!*" We can take heart from the words of the risen Christ: *Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.* Even though we cannot see the risen Christ, we can be encouraged in our solitude by the triumph of his resurrection and we can believe in faith God will raise us too from our fear and despair and make all things new. In the heart of Christ, Krish.

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

The organisations listed below are some of the places you can contact during the COVID-19 pandemic. This list will be updated within this bulletin.

Australian Government Department of Health <https://www.health.gov.au/>
National Coronavirus Hotline

1800 020 080 Call this line if you are seeking information on coronavirus (COVID-19). The line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Tasmanian Department of Health
https://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/publichealth/communicable_diseases_prevention_unit/infectious_diseases/coronavirus

Tasmanian Public Health Hotline

1800 671 738 If you think you might have COVID-19 because of recent travel or contact with a confirmed case, phone your GP or the Tasmanian Public Health Hotline.

Police Assistance Line 131 444 For police assistance, including the reporting of people not isolating. Please keep Triple Zero (000) for emergencies only.

Services Australia The department delivering government payments and services.

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/>

Centrelink 13 24 68 <https://my.gov.au/>

Business Tasmania 1800 440 026

Advice, updates and support for businesses responding to COVID-19 impacts.

https://www.business.tas.gov.au/coronavirus_information

Translating and Interpreting Service

(TIS) 131 450 An interpreting service for people who do not speak English and for agencies and businesses that need to communicate with non-English speaking clients. They have access to interpreters speaking more than 160 languages.

tisnational.gov.au

Spirit of Tasmania 1800 634 906

For booking enquiries and cancellations.

1800RESPECT Confidential information, counselling and support service for people affected by or experiencing sexual assault, domestic or family violence and abuse.

Relationships Australia 1300 364 277

Support services for individuals, families and communities.

St Vincent de Paul 6234 4244

Australian Red Cross 1800 RED CROSS

Salvation Army Australia 13 SALVOS

Lifeline — 13 11 14

Headspace Help for young Tasmanians.

<https://headspace.org.au/young-people/how-to-cope-with-stress-related-to-covid-19/>

Hobart 6231 3908

Launceston 6335 3100

Devonport 6424 6102

Kids Helpline - 1800 55 1800

ABC coronavirus coverage

[ABC News digital](#); [ABC News channel](#);

[ABC Radio Hobart](#); [Coronacast](#)

OFFERTORY GIVING

A number of people have asked the question regarding the continuing of their Offertory Giving or donations. A number of options are available for you to consider:

1. Direct debit can be made through the Commonwealth Bank quoting the information below:

BSB	067-000
Account Number	1031 5759
Account Name	CDF – Moonah/Lutana Parish
Reference	Surname/Envelope number
2. Cash donations or Offertory Giving envelopes can be received at the Parish Office between the hours of 9:30am to 4:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Friday.
3. Cash donations or Offertory Giving envelopes can be placed into the mail slot on the left hand side of the front door of the presbytery.

If you are unsure please call the Parish Office on 9412 8471.

KEEPING IN CONTACT

The Parish wishes to keep in contact with all parishioners. If you are **not** receiving our bulletin via email, please let us know and we can add your email address to our database of parishioners. If you would like to just have a chat please let us know. Please contact the Parish Office on 9412 8471.

NEWBORN BABY ITEMS

A parishioner is due to have a baby girl in July and is seeking baby items. For further information contact Luica Werner on 0401 626 217.

MASSES ON-LINE

The parish will be providing a recording of Sunday Mass which will be available each Sunday Morning on the Parish Website <http://cdtas.org.au/moonah> or our Parish FaceBook Page [StTherese OfLisieux](#) or the Parish YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOVWp5dkjeawjkxg4FaUZtA>. If you don't have access to the internet but have a computer we can provide you with a USB version of the Mass. To arrange for this please contact the Parish Office on 9412 8471.

The Sunday principal Mass at St Mary's Cathedral (10:30am) and Divine Mercy Chaplet (3:00pm) will be live-streamed. It will be available through the Archdiocese of Hobart's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBzten6uVS-Ymf-7KVUEepQ/featured>.

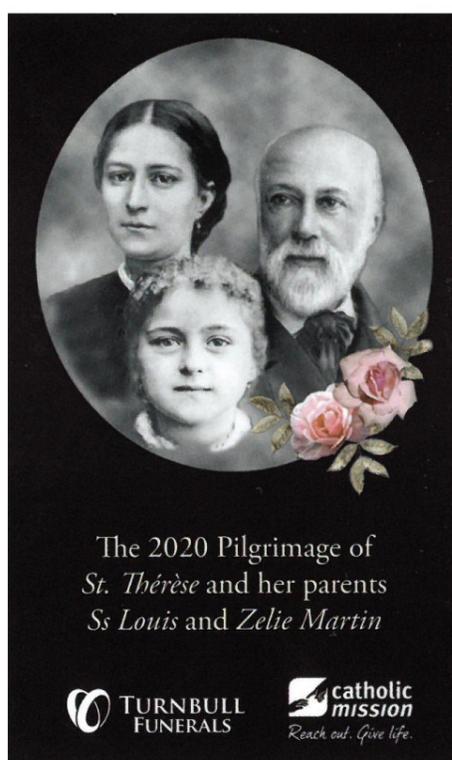
Channel Ten airs "Mass for you at home" at 6:00am on Sundays and then online via TenPlay. Mass on Demand can be streamed at <https://cathnews.com/>.

ST MARY'S COLLEGE KINDER ENROLMENTS

St Mary's College is accepting applications for the first girls-only Kinder class for 2021. Applications are due on Friday 1 May 2020. Learn more about Kinder at St Mary's at www.smc.tas.edu.au/welcome-to-kinder. Specialising in girls' education, our Kinder program nurtures and builds confidence, independence and the joy of discovery and learning. For information about our enrolment process, please contact our Enrolment Officer, Fiona Medwin at enrol@smc.tas.edu.au or (03) 6108 2560.

RELICS OF ST THERESE AND HER PARENTS SAINTS LOUIS AND ZELLIE MARTIN

This week we were expecting the relics of St. Therese and her parents Saints Louis and Zellie Martin. However with Coronavirus all these plans were cancelled. The relics are presently at the Carmelite Monastery in Kew, Victoria. As part of the visit of the relics, prayer cards have been produced for the visit and are available at the door of the Church from this weekend. We have placed a scanned copy of the prayer card with this bulletin, for your information.



Loving God,
as we remember St. Thérèse
and her holy family, teach us to
live each moment as missionary
disciples in love and generosity.
May her little way lead us to
discern your will in loving
surrender to what the Spirit is
saying, and may we know that
with you everything is grace.

Amen

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

Spiritual Comfort for Troubled Times & Holy Week

<https://www.emmausproductions.com/special-feature/spiritual-comfort-for-troubled-times-holy-week-2020/>

Stations of the Cross – will be available for youth and teenagers shortly

https://m.facebook.com/falkirkcatholics/?locale2=en_GB

How to help Children

G - Get Quiet;

R - Read God's Word;

O - Open Your Heart (What did I learn about God? What does He want me to do? And talk to him about it);

W - Worship God.

RESOURCES FOR ADULTS AND FAMILIES

Resources

<https://steubenvilleconferences.com/theupperroom/>

Divine Renovation

A number of resources are available at <https://divinerenovation.org/>

Formed (*please use Chrome browser*)

IF YOU JOIN NOW THIS SERVICE IS FREE.

Now might be a good time to join **formed** visit www.formed.org. If you have any issues please see Deacon Michael on 0438 243 533.

LiturgyHelp

LiturgyHelp.com is providing for free resources for personal and family prayer. Go to liturgyhelp.com/aus/hobart/pray, and following the prompts under "Register for LiturgyHelp Personal and Family Prayer".

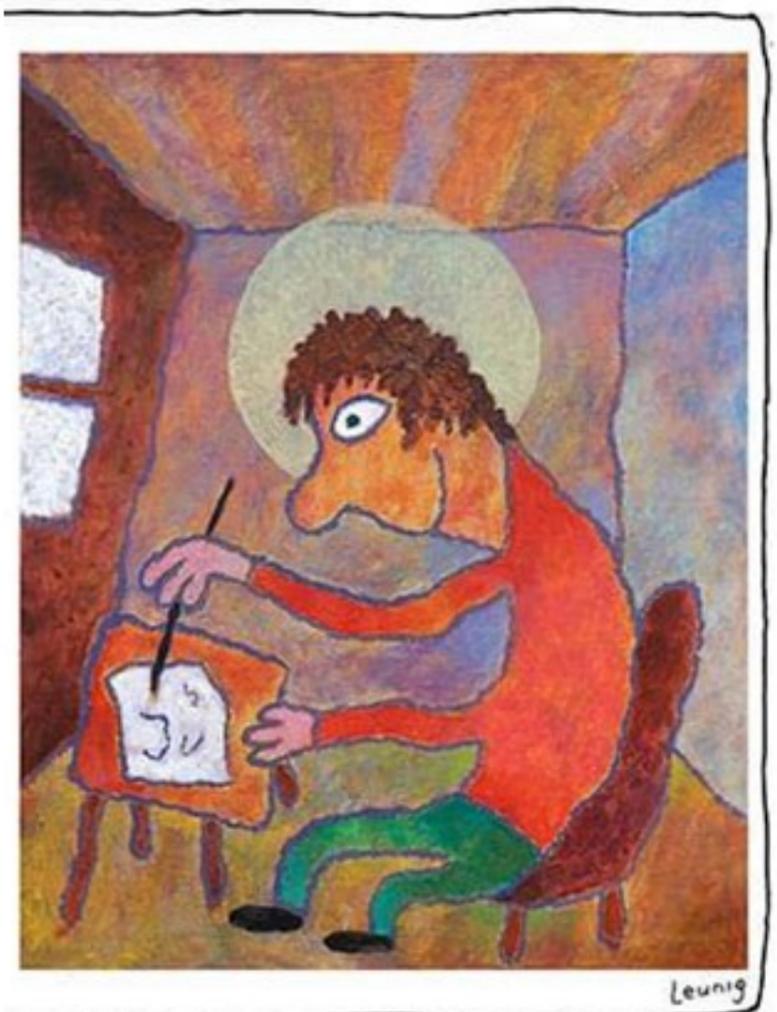
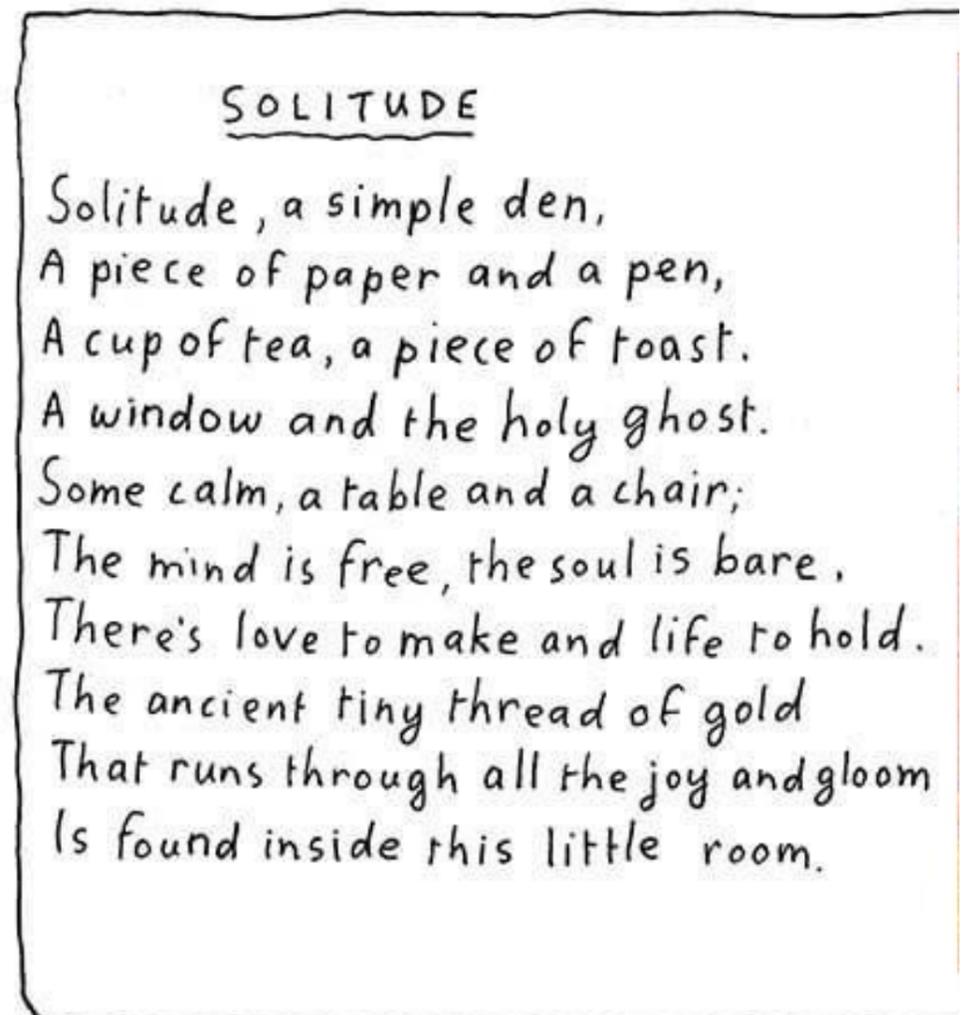
Archdiocese of Hobart

The following website:

www.hobart.catholic.org.au/faith/page/lent-and-holy-week provides online content for you and your family.

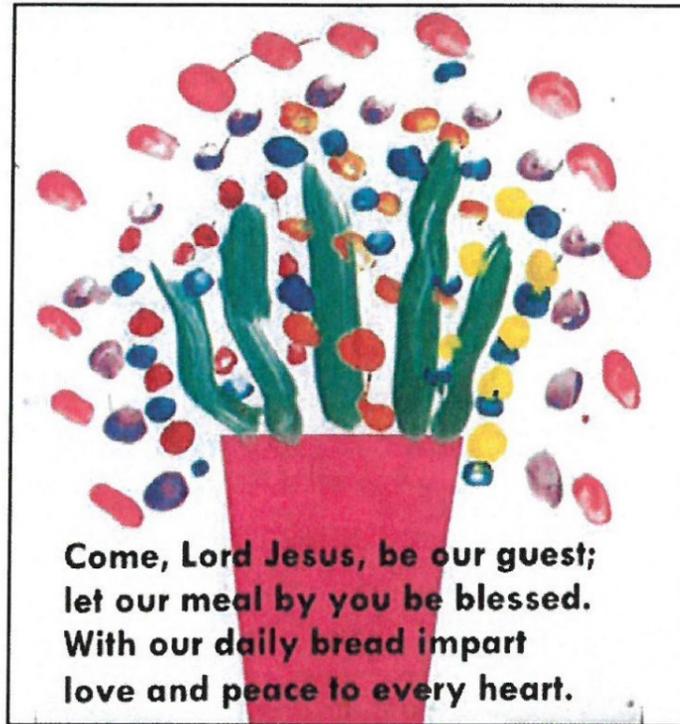
Liturgy Brisbane

Liturgy Brisbane has developed a number of resources Sunday Readings: Read at Home and Family Prayer: Week by Week. Go to <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/sunday-readings-and-family-prayer/>



THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Mealtime Prayer



Family Discussion

What are some things you believe because you have seen them?

What are some things you believe without having seen them?

Faith asks us to believe things we cannot see for ourselves.

Take turns to talk about the people who have helped build your faith in Jesus.

Family Activity

Write thank you letters to the people who have helped build your faith in Jesus e.g. parents, grandparents, godparents, sponsors, priests, teachers, friends.

Remember these people in your family prayer this week.



READINGS

19th April, 2020

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: (1 Peter 2:2)

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING: (Acts 2:42-47)

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

PSALM: (Psalm 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24)

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING: (1 Peter 1:3-9)

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (John 20:29)

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (John 20:19-31)

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

READINGS

26th April, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

(Cf. Psalm 65:1-2)

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING: (Acts 2:14, 22-33)

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

PSALM: (Psalm 15:1-2, 5, 7-11)

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

SECOND READING: (1 Peter 1:17-21)

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Cf. Luke 24:32)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Luke 24:13-35)

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

STEWARDSHIP

“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” (John 20:19)

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbour, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. A simple “hello” and a smile goes a long way.

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

Thanh Huynh, Shirley Lehner, Olga Woods, Susan Wilson, Lise Levaque, Mary Hughes, Drina Paradzik, Jay Jennings, Tony Dalton, Elsa Bazan, Bev Murray, Kayden Edwards, Lorna Brazendale, Leo Manning, Jan Grubb, Alicia Stroud, Aileen Jones, Garry Hay, Paddi McDonald, Peter van Loggerenberg, Joe Higgins, Gracie Manson, Patricia Hangan.

Anniversaries

Thirza Beryl Barber,
Prudencia Gabriel Salas,
Fr Norbert Earl MSC,
Fr Bernard Baldwin MSC,
Fr Fredrick Morduant MSC,
Fredrick Hoskins, Peter Weronika,
Klaus Joseph Goerss, Bernard Aitken,
Kazimieras Paschkewizschus,
Michalina Machnik, George McGuire,
Basilio Gabriel, Sime Kolega,
Kathleen Brooks, Mavis Brown,
Elvie Knights, Shaun Pullen, Mirko Franov,
James P. Scanlon, Colin Higgins,
Marcin Jablonski, Patrick Jacobs,
Mollie A. Reid, Bridget Agnes Imlach,
Alice Miller, Walenty Ejlak,
Maria Bidejowski, Fr Paul Flemming MSC,
Giovanni Lindo, Stefan Brzyski,
Br Gordon Morgan MSC,
Bortolo Luigi Gesiotto,
Sr Mary Honorata Scanlon, Syd Riley,
Darcy Cooper, Tony Andrikonis,
Janine Smith, Eleonora Szczypior,
Cedric Davey.

Recently Deceased

Janina Dobosz, June Gardner, John Vaughan.

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RECONCILIATION:

By appointment

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

SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE:

Phone: 03 6231 1811 (Day) (Hobart) or
1800 697 877 (24/7)

03 6334 2740 (Day) (Launceston)

PLENARY COUNCIL:

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