

St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish



Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

Sunday, 1st December, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

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

WHAT CONSTITUTES FIDELITY?

It's becoming increasingly difficult in today's world to trust anything or anybody, for good reason. There's little that's stable, safe to lean on, trustworthy. We live in a world where everything is in flux, is flux, where everywhere we see distrust, abandoned values, debunked creeds, people moving on from where they used to be, contradictory information, and dishonesty and lying as socially and morally acceptable. There is little left of trust in our world.

What does this call us to? We're called to many things, but perhaps nothing more important than fidelity, to be honest and persevering in who we are and what we stand for. Here's an illustration.

One of our Oblate missionaries shares this story. He was sent to minister to a cluster of small Indigenous communities in Northern Canada. The people were very nice to him but it didn't take him long to notice something. Basically every time he scheduled an appointment the person wouldn't show up. At first, he attributed this to miscommunication, but eventually he realised the pattern was too consistent for this to be an accident and so he approached an Elder in the community for some counsel. "Every time I make an appointment with someone," he told the Elder, "they don't show up." The Elder smiled, knowingly, and replied: "Of course, they won't show up, the last thing they need is to have an outsider like you organising their lives for them!" So the missionary asked: "What do I do?" The Elder replied: "Well, don't make an appointment, just show up and talk to them! They'll be nice to you. More importantly though, this is what you need to do: *Stay here for a long time and then they will trust you. They want to see whether you're a missionary or a tourist. Why should they trust you? They've been betrayed and lied to by most everyone who's come through here. Stay for a long time and then they'll trust you.*"

Stay for a long time and then they'll trust you. What does it mean to stay for a long time? We can hang around and not necessarily inspire trust, just as we can move on to other places and still inspire trust. In its essence, staying around for the duration, being faithful, has less to do with never moving from a given location than it has to do with staying worthy of trust, with staying faithful to who we are, to the creed we profess, to the commitments and promises we have made, and to what's truest inside us so that our private lives do not belie our public persona.

The gift of fidelity is the gift of a life lived honestly. Our private honesty blesses the whole community, just as our private dishonesty hurts the whole community. “If you are here faithfully,” writes Parker Palmer, “you bring great blessing.” Conversely, writes Rumi, “If you are here unfaithfully, you bring great harm.” To the degree that we are true to the creed we profess, the family, friends, and communities we’ve committed to, and to the deepest moral imperatives within our private soul, to that degree we are faithfully with others, and to that degree we are “staying with them for a long time”. The reverse is also true, to the degree that we are not true to the creed we profess, to the promises we’ve made to others, and to the honesty innate in our own soul, we are being unfaithful, moving away from others, being the tourist not the missionary.

In his Epistle to the Galatians, St. Paul tells us what it means to be with each other, to live with each other, beyond geographical distance and other contingencies in life that separate us. We are with each, faithfully, as brothers and sisters, when we are living in charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, long-suffering, mildness, perseverance, and chastity. When we are living inside these, then we are “staying with each other” and not moving away, no matter any geographical distance between us. Conversely, when we are living outside of these we are not “staying with each other”, even when there is no geographical distance between us. Home, as poets have always told us, is a place inside the heart, not a place on a map. And home, as St. Paul tells us, is living inside the Spirit.

And it is this, I believe, that ultimately defines fidelity and perseverance, separates a moral missionary from a moral tourist, and indicates who’s staying and who’s moving away.

For each of us to stay faithful, we need each other. It takes more than a village, it takes all of us. One person’s fidelity makes everyone’s fidelity easier, just as one person’s infidelity makes everyone’s fidelity more difficult. So, inside a world that’s so highly individualistic and bewilderingly transient, when it can feel as if everyone is forever moving away from you, perhaps the greatest gift we can give each other is the gift of our own fidelity, to stay for a long time.

Ron Rolheiser OMI ©

In the Heart of Jesus

Fr Mark Hanns MSC

NOTICES

PREPARING TO CELEBRATE FIRST RECONCILIATION

The time for our children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation is fast approaching, please continue to pray for our Parish children as they prepare for First Reconciliation on Monday, 2nd December 2019 at 6:30pm. The remaining dates for preparation meetings are:

- **THIS** Sunday, 1st December, Mass, 9:00am. This will be followed by the **Third Workshop**, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre.
- **First Reconciliation, THIS** Monday, 2nd December, at 6:30pm, for Parents, Candidates and Family.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

The Mass times for Christmas and New Year are available in the Church Foyer.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The St Therese's Conference St Vincent de Paul is seeking donations for food items for the 2019 Christmas Hampers. A listing of items is available in the Church foyer and the items can be placed into the hampers in the church foyer. Items can be donated up to Sunday, 15th December.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ASSIST-A-STUDENT

St Vincent de Paul Assist-a-Student is an education program aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty. If you are able to assist please see the brochures available in the church foyer.

CHRISTMAS CHRONICLE

Calling for articles for the Christmas Chronicle. These articles are due to the Parish Office before 13th December 2019.

PARISH SUBSCRIPTION TO 'FORMED'

We're pleased to announce the availability of 'FORMED', an online service for accessing thousands of Catholic videos, audios and ebooks On Demand anytime, anywhere! As a parishioner, you will have access to entertaining movies, inspiring audio talks, informative bible studies, and much more. We are providing this resource free of charge to help our parishioners learn and grow in their faith. You will be able to easily access any featured content that we are promoting within our parish community from time to time. So please join us. Also once you have signed up, don't forget to download the free iOS or Android app to put 'FORMED' at your fingertips. We hope you will enjoy this incredible gift and please spread the word to others. To sign up for FREE, just visit us here: <https://sttheresemoonahlutana.formed.org> then click "Register now" and follow the prompts for your own access to all 'FORMED' content on demand. If any parishioner has a personal 'FORMED' account, you might consider cancelling it, using the parish one and donating what you save towards the parish account. If you have any issue please see Deacon Michael on 0438 243 533.

LEAVING COLLECTION

As Fr Mark mentioned, a leaving collection will be held to support those suffering as part of the NSW and QLD bushfires and for drought affected farmers in NSW & QLD. Envelopes are located in the pews and you can specify where you wish your money to be donated, or just leave your donation in the bucket and all loose monies raised will be split equally. A listing of available donation options is available in the Church foyer.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Friday after the 12 noon Mass until 4:00pm in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Chapel in the Parish Centre.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SAINT VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

NEXT weekend the Christmas Collection for Saint Vincent de Paul will be held. Envelopes will be located on the pews and can be placed into the collection baskets next weekend.

PARISH MEMORIAL BOOK

Our Parish Memorial Book is being updated. If you wish for your loved ones or family members to be included please give these to Deacon Michael, before the 20th January.

ROOM TO RENT MOONAH

Maria Luu has a room to rent at 96 Albert Road, Moonah. If you know someone who might be interested call Maria on 0409 496 278.

COMMUNITY ROOM LIBRARY

The Community Room library is available for borrowing (and returning) of books. All books have been stamped and a coloured dot. 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. We unfortunately don't require any more books for the library at this point in time, Thank You.

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 Saint Vincent de Paul.

2020 JOSEPHITE CALENDARS

The 2020 Josephite Calendars are available for sale for just \$9.00. See Deacon Michael or Eva.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

A Christian formation process for children aged 3-12 years to experience and form an authentic, faithful relationship with God will be established in the Archdiocese in 2020. Grounded in scriptural and liturgical study framed by Maria Montessori's principles of education, children hear the Gospel through the use of sensorial rich materials. A special space, or 'atrium', allows the children to be with and enjoy God, listen to the Word, and pray. **Information sessions** to be held in early December. **Where:** 50 Huntingfield Drive, Kingston (old Vodafone building.). **When:** Monday, 2nd December, 10am-12pm; Tuesday, 3rd December, 3-5pm; Thursday, 5th December, 10am-12pm; Friday, 6th December, 4-5pm; or by appointment. **Contact:** Catherine Sandric 0458 904 428 or Christine Wood 6208 6236. Training of catechists to follow in the New Year.

CAROLS ON THE HILL - COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Carols on the Hill Community Choir is seeking voices to join. All are welcome. Rehearsal dates are: Thursday, 5th, 12th and 19th December. These will be held at the St Mary's Cathedral Centre from 6:00pm – 6:40 pm. Please contact Ella Tobin on ella.tobin@aohtas.org.au or 0468 601 517 to register your interest. RSVP by end of this weekend.

CAROLS ON THE HILL - VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to be part of bringing the spirit of Christmas to Hobart this Christmas? We are looking for volunteers for the annual *Carols on the Hill*. This will be taking place on Saturday, 21st December at Guilford Young College, Hobart. Roles include: making decorations, event setup, and ticket collection. Please contact Ella Tobin via ella.tobin@aohtas.org.au or 0468 601 517 by this weekend.

CAROLS ON THE HILL - TICKETS AND SAVE THE DATE

Tickets to the Archdiocese of Hobart's Carols on the Hill event in Hobart 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 Saturday, 21st December from 7pm to 9pm, with gates opening at 5.30pm. The oval is secure and can comfortably hold around 1200 people, making it an ideal venue for families with children. **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 requires 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 and search for 'Carols on the Hill'.

IMMACULATA MISSION SCHOOL 2020

The Immaculate Mission School 2020 is a ten day live-in formation school for young people, with talks on the faith from awesome speakers, daily Mass & prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, praise & worship, fun & fellowship & lots more! From 1st -10th January, 2020, at The Glennie School, Toowoomba. It is open to 15-35 year olds. Speakers include: Dr Ralph Martin (USA), Professor of Sacred Theology, international speaker on evangelisation and the spiritual life. Dr Martin is a consultant to the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelisation, Archbishop Julian Porteous, Vince Fitzwilliams, James Parker, Jess Leach, Paul Elarde, Sisters of the Immaculata & more. The cost is \$390 before 18th November (cost includes all accommodation, food, speakers and activities), and \$450 after 18 November. **For more info or to register:** www.sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims or 0406 372 608.

MADE FOR EACH OTHER SUMMER SCHOOL: JANUARY 20-24 IN HOBART

The Made for Each Other Summer School will be held from January 20-24, 2020 at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart. It will be a unique event for young Catholics aged 18-35. The Summer School will offer a series of lectures from a well-qualified faculty, group discussions, field trips, prayer time and social occasions to create a unique experience of the beauty, goodness and truth of the Church's teaching on relationships, sexuality, marriage and the family. For more information please contact Ben Smith on 6208 6036 or ben.smith@aohtas.org.au. A web page with detailed information on the event can be viewed at: www.bit.ly/2oCtnOU.

THE WAY TO ST JAMES PILGRIMAGE 2020

The Way to St James Pilgrimage is on again in 2020, and [registrations are now open](#).

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.

The pilgrimage commences on Saturday 11th January 2020 at 10.30am from the Mountain River Community Hall, and finishes on Sunday 12th January 2020 at approx. 5pm at St James Church, Cygnet in the midst of the wonderful Cygnet Folk Festival.

For further details, and to register go to: www.waytostjames.com.au

Or visit us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/waytostjamescygnet/>

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 1,244.65

Loose: \$ 964.55

TOTAL: \$ 2,209.20

Week's Pledged Collections:

\$ 2,538.00

Difference -\$ 328.80

Thank You!

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24:42)

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realise all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God's active presence in your life.

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, Paddi McDonald, Peter van Loggerenberg, Joe Higgins, Gracie Manson.

Anniversaries

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, Darrekk Baldock, Jan Rodziewicz, Margaret Belcher, Rozalina Hajduk, Kerry Jones, Aleksander Bidejowski, Win Manning, Samuel George Lyden, Ray Voss, Gwen Kelly, Andrew Clifford, Veronica May Jones, 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.

Recently Deceased

Chris Poulson, Marysia Drelich.

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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

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>

READINGS

30th November/1st December, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: (Cf Psalm 24:1-3)

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.

Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READING: (Isaiah 2:1-5)

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

PSALM: (Psalm 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9.)

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

SECOND READING: (Romans 13:11-14)

The time has come, our salvation is near.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Psalm 84:8)

Alleluia!, Alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Matthew 24:37-44)

Stay awake, you must be ready.

MASS TIMES

Monday 2nd to Sunday 8th December
2019

	English	Polish
Monday	9:15am	
Tuesday	No Mass	9:00am
Wednesday	12:00 noon	
Thursday	9:15am	
Friday	12:00 noon	9:00am
Saturday	6:30pm	
Sunday	9:00am 4:30pm 5:45pm Syro-Malabar	10:45am

READINGS/ROSTERS

7th /8th December, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: (Cf Isaiah 30:19, 30)

O People of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice
heard in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING: (Isaiah 11:1-10)

He judges the poor with justice.

PSALM: (Psalm 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17.)

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness
of peace for ever.

SECOND READING: (Romans 15:4-9)

Christ, the hope of all people.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Luke 3:4, 6)

Alleluia!, Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his
paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Matthew 3:1-12)

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at
hand.

Saturday 6:30pm

Readers Nathan Shane, Shane Poulson

Ministers Phil Blake, Debbie Large

Projector Anne Thuringer

Sunday 9:00am

Readers Marty Ogle, Brendan McManus

Ministers Silpa Cherpanath, Paul de Groot

Sick Paul de Groot

Projector Izak Hangan

Sunday 4:30pm

Readers Melissa Brown, Carlene Larkin

Ministers Kerrie Morrisby, Marj Smith

Projector Daniel Duharte

Altar Fran Smith

Cleaning Syro-Malabar Community

Counters Michael & Eva Hangan