

# St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish

## Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

**Sunday 21st January, 2018**

**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**



## FROM THE PASTOR

### HOW CAN IT ALL HAVE A HAPPY ENDING?

There's a line in the writings of Julian of Norwich, the famous 14<sup>th</sup> century mystic and perhaps the first theologian to write in English, which is endlessly quoted by preachers, poets, and writers: *But all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.* It's her signature teaching.

We all have an intuitive grasp of what that means. It's our basis for hope. In the end, the good will triumph. But the phrase takes on added meaning when it's seen in its original context. What was Julian trying to say when she coined that phrase?

She was struggling with the problem of evil, sin, and suffering: Why does God allow them? If God is both all-loving and all-powerful what possible explanation can there be for the fact that God lets us suffer, lets us sin, and lets evil be present all over the world? Why didn't God create a world without sin, where we would all be perfectly happy from birth onwards?

Julian had heard enough sermons in church to know the standard apologetic answer for that, namely, that God allows it because God gave us the great gift of freedom. With that comes the inevitability of sin and all its sad consequences. That's a valid answer, though one that's often seen as too abstract to offer much consolation to us when we are suffering. But Julian, despite being a loyal daughter of the church and having been schooled in that answer, doesn't go there. She offers something different.

For her, God allows evil, sin, and suffering because God will use them in the end to create for everyone a deeper mode of happiness than they would have experienced if sin, evil, and suffering hadn't been there. In the end, these negatives will work towards creating some deeper positives.

Let me quote Julian in the original (the Middle English within which she wrote): *Jesus, in this vision informed me of all that I needed answered by this word and said: 'Sinne is behovely, but alle shalle be wele, and alle shalle be wele, and all manner of thing shalle be wele.'*

She shares that Jesus says that sin is "behovely". In Middle English, *behovely* has these connotations: "useful", "advantageous", "necessary". In her vision, sin, evil, and suffering are ultimately advantageous and even necessary in bringing us to deeper meaning and greater happiness. (Not unlike what we sing in our great Easter hymn: *O happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam.*)

# FROM THE PASTOR

## (CONTINUED)

What Julian wants us to draw out from this is not the idea that sin and evil are of little consequence but rather that God, being so unimaginable in love and power, is able to draw good out of evil, happiness out of suffering, and redemption out of sin in ways that we cannot yet grasp. This is Julian's answer to the question: Why does God allow evil? She answers by not answering because, in essence, no adequate answer can ever be imagined. Rather, she sets the question into a theology of God within which, beyond what we can imagine at present and beyond what theology can really account for, God's power and love will eventually make all things well, dry every tear, redeem every evil, erase every bad memory, unfreeze every cold heart, and turn every manner of suffering into happiness. There's even a hint in this that the final triumph of God will be to empty hell itself so that, indeed, absolutely every manner of being will be well.

In a subsequent vision, Julian received a five-fold assurance from God that God *may, can, will, and shall* make all things well and *we ourselves will see it*.

All of this is predicated of course on a particular concept of God. The God that Julian of Norwich invites us to believe in is a God who is precisely beyond our imagination both in power and in love. Any God we can imagine is incapable of making all manner of being well (as many atheistic critics have already pointed out). This not just true in terms of trying to imagine God's power, it's particularly true in terms of trying to imagine God's love. It's unimaginable in our present human condition to picture anyone, God or human, who cannot be offended, is incapable of anger, holds nothing against anyone no matter what evil he or she may have perpetrated, and who (as Julian describes God) is completely relaxed and has a face like a marvellous symphony. The God of our imagination, re-enforced by certain false interpretations of scripture, does get offended, does get angry, does take vengeance, and does meet sin with wrath. Such a God is incapable of making all manner of things well. But such a God is also not the God whom Jesus revealed.

Were we to look into the eyes of God's, says Julian, what we would see there would "melt our hearts with love and break them in two with ecstasy."

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

A Post Script to last week's article on plastic contamination and destruction of marine fauna. Plastic bags, when they float in the oceans, look like jellyfish to turtles. Jellyfish are a major part of the turtle's food source, so the turtle eats the bag and dies.

In Cordis Jesu

Fr Mark MSC

## **PARISH NOTICES**

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

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

### **VOLUNTEER MINISTERIES**

With the holiday period over January the rosters for Communion Ministers and Lectors will not be operating. Volunteers are sought during this time. If you would like to assist the Parish during this time please add your names to the sheets located in the foyer.

### **NEW MINISTRY ROSTERS**

New ministry rosters are presently being prepared, if you wish to have your name added as a Lector, Minister of Communion, Data Projector or Minister of Communion to the Sick please add your name to the list in the foyer of the church.

### **LENTEN PROGRAM**

Lent is a season of repentance and renewal when we examine the lives that we're living, turn away from our sinfulness and recommit ourselves to following Jesus. The parish will be hosting a number of Lenten prayer groups during the day on a Wednesday, and again on Thursday evening. If you would like to participate, please add your name to the list in the foyer, selecting the appropriate group in which you would like to participate. In addition, this year's program has included short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday). If you wish to purchase a copy for individual prayer reflection in your own home please select this option on the form in the foyer. The program that we will be using this year is provided by the Diocese of Wollongong and is called "Surrender", with reflections by Fr Graham Schmitzer and Sr Hilda Scott OSB.

## **TIME, TALENT & TREASURE**

### **2018-2021**

During the Masses on 10th-11th, 17th-18th & 24th-25th February, the parish will receive information for "Our Church, Our Community, Our Commitment" 2018-2021. This is a time for us to review our commitment to our Parish in Time, Talent and Treasure. In accord with the vision and the values of Jesus, we are striving to build a welcoming and inclusive community that provides life-giving support and services to all peoples. This is a time for renewal. At the conclusion at the Masses on 3rd-4th March there will be "Pledge Sunday". This is an opportunity for us to commit "Our Time, Our Talent, Our Treasure" to "Our Church, Our Community, Our Commitment" 2018-2021.

### **THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

You are invited to join a group of like-minded people, who are thinking about becoming Catholic. We meet most Thursday evenings in the Chapel in the Parish Centre at 7:00pm. If you are interested please see Fr Mark.

### **L'ARCHE AUSTRALIA "SHARE A MEAL"**

L'Arche Australia's main fundraising event is 'Share a Meal'. This is a wonderful exciting opportunity to support L'Arche. The Parish will be hosting a "Share a Meal" for L'Arche Australia in August 2018. If you are able to assist with the planning of this event please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the church foyer (last chance this coming weekend).

### **CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAYERS FOR FR MARK**

Fr Mark, on Tuesday 23rd January, will celebrate his 30th anniversary of Profession as an MSC. We offer you, Fr Mark our prayers and congratulations and wish you many more years of service.



## **UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES:**

### **A JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE**

#### **(A SURVEY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT)**

Commencing on Mondays 5 & 19 February, 5 March, 2-4pm; and *Holy Queen, The Mother of God in the Word of God* (the role of Mary in salvation history), on Wednesdays 7 & 21 February, 7 March, 10am-12pm. Both in the Simmons Room, Diocesan Centre, 35 Tower Rd, New Town. **Cost:** \$20 per course for study guide.

**Register:** Dr Christine Wood, [christine.wood@aohtas.org.au](mailto:christine.wood@aohtas.org.au), or 6208-6236. See flyers in the Church foyer.



## **MARRIAGE MASS FOR THE RENEWAL OF VOWS**

Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Julian Porteous on Sunday 18th February, St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart at 10.30am. Couples celebrating Catholic Marriage milestones including couples in the early years of marriage, (1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> anniversaries) are invited to RSVP to the Office of Life, Marriage and Family by emailing [ben.smith@aohtas.org.au](mailto:ben.smith@aohtas.org.au) or on 6208 6036. Catholic married couples will receive a special acknowledgement from Archbishop Julian on the day.

## **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](mailto:info@griegtograceaus.org.au) or phone 0407704539. For more information visit [www.griegtograce.org](http://www.griegtograce.org).

## **KENOSIS RETREAT**

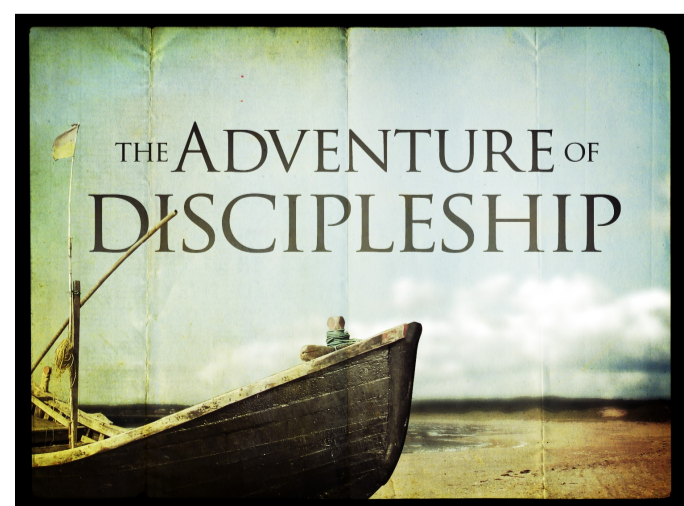
Kenosis mean self emptying and refers to God, putting his divinity aside to come amongst us as a human being. In this retreat we will explore who we are so as to accept ourselves and truly be in a position to empty ourselves for others." Date: June 15th – 18th 2018, Presenter: Fr Ray Sanchez C.P. Venue: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

## **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.

## **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.



## **STEWARDSHIP**

“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” - **Mark 1:17**

Jesus' call to “Follow me” is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are “ready” or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

### **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

|                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Envelopes:                        | \$ 1,621.85        |
| Loose:                            | \$ 1,134.90        |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                     | <b>\$ 2,756.75</b> |
| <u>Week's Budget Collections:</u> | <u>\$ 2,368.00</u> |
| <b>Profit:</b>                    | <b>\$ \$388.75</b> |

### **RECENTLY BAPTISED**

Nina Bolonja, Rocco David Gazzignato,  
Heidi Elizabeth Webster,  
Albie Michael Jarvis, Jacob Rhys Hill,  
Zali May Salter.

### **PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS**

John 3:1-5,10; 1 Cor: 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Mark's Gospel moves very rapidly. Jesus is baptised by John in the Jordan. Here he received the Father's investiture through the Holy Spirit. A few verses later, we get a summary of Jesus' preaching and the call of the first disciples.

For the people of Judea, Galilee is a despised and suspect region, hardly accepted as part of the Promised Land. It is surrounded by the nations (pagans). These influence the way of thinking and the religious practices of Galilee. ‘Can any good come out of Nazareth?’ Nathaniel asks. Peter was

accused: ‘You are a Galilean. Even your speech betrays you!’

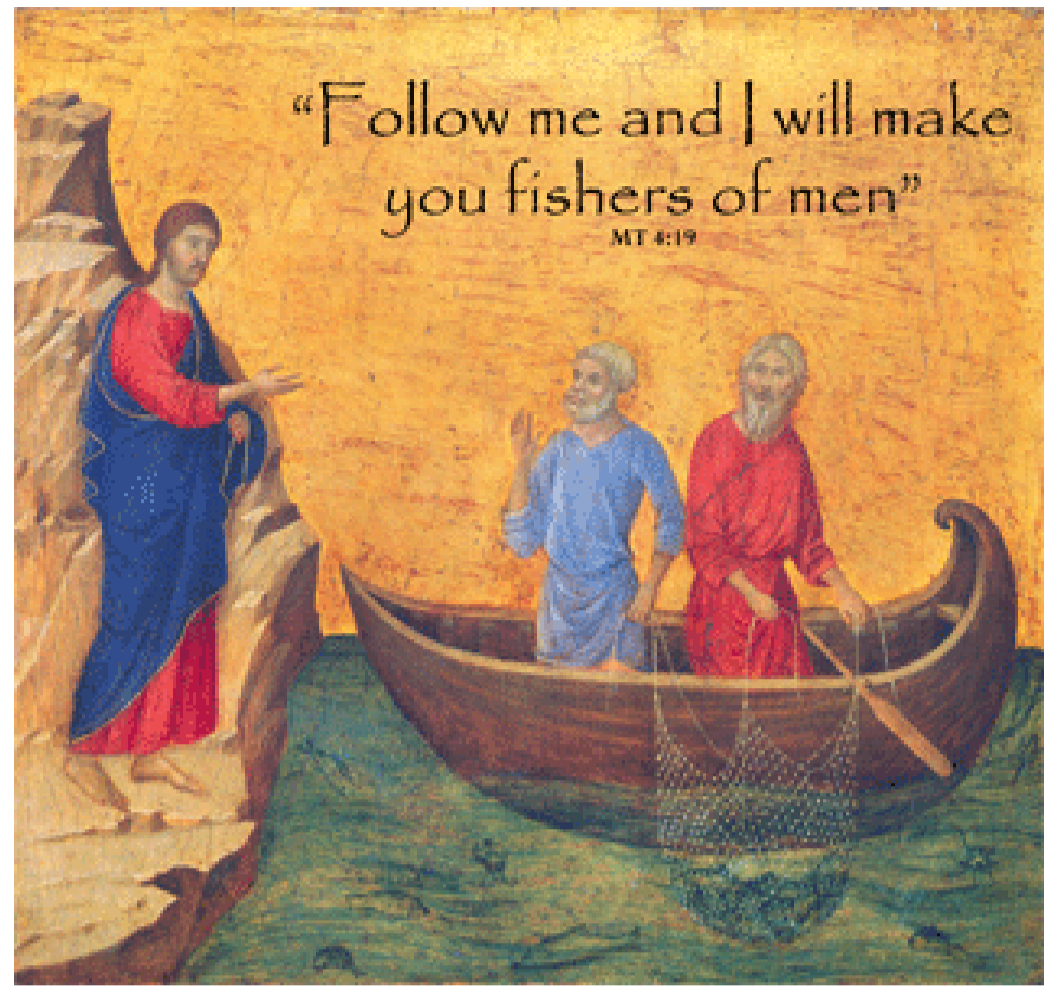
It is precisely in this despised region of Galilee that Jesus began his mission. He followed the same theme as John the Baptist: Repent! Repent means ‘to turn around’. Jesus moved from Nazareth, an insignificant village in the highlands of Galilee. He moved to Capernaum, because that city was a hub of activity on the crossroads of the major trading routes. It was on a central route for all the major countries of the time. From here, Jesus' message would be heard by many nations.

Who did he choose for this mission? He chose common fishermen. His call was always direct. When he saw Simon and Andrew, he simply said: ‘Follow me. I will make you into fishers of men’. To the surprise of everyone, they dropped their nets and left their companions to follow Jesus. Then he saw James and John, sons of Zebedee. When he called them, they also dropped their nets and left their father to follow Jesus.

Jesus invites us to turn to our God who reveals himself in the smallest of human kindnesses. People cannot speak too highly of strangers who come into their lives and bring them new life. Being able to see goodness and bring friendship into the lives of others is a true proclamation of the Good News.

Noel Mansfield, msc ©





## **LET US PRAY FOR**

### ***The Sick***

*Tara Radcliffe, Thanh Huynh,  
Shirley Lehner, Susan Wilson,  
Fr Peter Nicholls, Josh Stokes, Maria Di Noia,  
Lise Levaque, Mary Hughes, Drina Paradzik,  
Pauline Brown, Jay Jennings, Olga Woods,  
Tony Dalton, Elsa Bazan, Bev Murray,  
Hon Dr Vanessa Goodwin MLC,  
Kayden Edwards, Marie Morrisby,  
Marian Zieba, Alan O'Rourke,  
Lorna Brazendale.*

### ***Anniversaries***

*Fr Vincent Dwyer, Fr Patrick Moloney,  
Hedley Hodgetts, Richard Daniel Coad,  
Camden Cashion, Wilhelm Waiser,  
Charles Burnett, David Curtin, Josef Kremzer,  
Emilia Cisak, John Dwyer, Sydney Grubb,  
Amy Kennedy, Mary Brown, Ella Hoskins,  
Joan Etherington, Antoni Halys,  
Fr Robert Hyland MSC, Roger Cashion,  
Evelyn May Hope, Earla Poulson,  
Mollie Cooper, Antonia (Toni) Luxemborg,  
Beattie Jones, Editha Gabriel Malicdan,  
Graeme Bresnehan, Elizabeth Trojanowski,  
Gavin Davey, Pawel Cichon,  
Kathleen D McCabe, Vale Stanwix,  
Nancy Veronica Cullen, Stanislaw Czachor,  
Humphrey Beckitt, Grant Brazendale-Brooks,  
Susanne Brazendale, Emilia Gabriel Abueva,  
Helena Niemczyk, Lucy Frazik,  
Fr John Eldridge, Boleslawa Kempa,  
Stefan Adam Jedyka,  
Michelle Ann White (Read), Jack Webster,  
Shirley Ethel May Thomas, Esmay Haney,  
Michael Noonan, Grace Phyllis Dance,  
Karol Michalowski, Elaine Voss,  
Ieva Andrikonis.*

### ***Recently Deceased***

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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>

## READINGS

*20th/21st January, 2018*

*3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time -  
Year B*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.

### FIRST READING: (Jonah 3:1 - 5, 10)

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

### PSALM: (Psalm 24:4 - 9)

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

### SECOND READING: (1 Corinthians 7:29 - 31)

The world as we know it is passing away.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Mark 1:15)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:  
believe the Good News.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: (Mark 1:14 - 20)

Repent, and believe the Good News.

## MASS TIMES

Monday 22nd to Sunday 28th January  
2018

|           | <b>English</b>   | <b>Polish</b> |
|-----------|------------------|---------------|
| Monday    | 9:15am           |               |
| Tuesday   | <b>No Mass</b>   | 9:00am        |
| Wednesday | <b>No Mass</b>   |               |
| Thursday  | <b>No Mass</b>   |               |
| Friday    | 12:00 noon       | 9:00am        |
| Saturday  | 6:30pm           |               |
| Sunday    | 9:00am<br>4:30pm | 10:45am       |

## READINGS/ROSTERS

*27th/28th January, 2018*

*4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.

### FIRST READING: (Deuteronomy 18:15 - 20)

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth,  
and he will tell them all I command.

### PSALM: (Psalm 94:1 - 2, 6 - 9)

If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

### SECOND READING: (1 Corinthians 7:32 - 35)

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to  
the things of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Matthew 4:16)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The people in darkness have seen a great light  
a radiant dawn shine on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: (Mark 1:21 - 28)

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with  
authority.

### Saturday 6:30pm

*Readers*                      *Volunteers*  
*Ministers*                   *Volunteers*  
*Projector*                   *Volunteers*

### Sunday 9:00am

*Readers*                      *Volunteers*  
*Ministers*                   *Volunteers*  
*Sick*                           *Volunteers*  
*Projector*                   *Volunteers*

### Sunday 4:30pm

*Readers*                      *Carlene Larkin, Volunteer*  
*Ministers*                   *Volunteers*  
*Projector*                   *Kerrie Morrisby*

*Altar*                           *Monica Sianski &  
Victoria Maty*

*Cleaning*                   *Monica Sianski &  
Victoria Maty*

*Counters*                   *Roy Munro & David Devereux*