

# 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 July, 2019

### 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

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

## FROM THE PASTOR

### GOD'S FINGER IN OUR LIVES

The problem in the world and in the churches, Jim Wallis suggests, is that, perennially, conservatives get it wrong and liberals (over-reacting to conservatives) then don't get it at all. Nowhere is this truer, I believe, than in how we discern the finger of God in the events of our lives.

Jesus tells us to discern the finger of God in our lives by *reading the signs of the times*. What's meant by that? The idea isn't so much that we look to every kind of social, political, and religious analysis to try to understand what's going on in the world, but rather that we look at every event in our lives, personal or global, and ask ourselves: What's God saying to me this event? What's God saying to us in this event?

An older generation understood this as trying to attune itself to the workings of "divine providence". That practice goes back to biblical times. When we read the bible, we see that for God's people nothing happened that was understood as being purely secular or religiously neutral. Rather in every event, be it ever so accidental and secular, they saw the finger of God. For example, they believed that if they lost a war, it wasn't because the other side had superior soldiers, but rather that God had somehow engineered this to teach them a lesson. Or if they were hit by drought it was because God had actively stopped the heavens from raining, again to teach them a lesson.

Now it's easy to misunderstand this because, frequently, in writing this up, the sacred authors give the impression that God actively *caused* the event. That's their wording, though not their intent or meaning. The bible does not intend to teach us that God causes wars or stops the heavens from raining; it accepts that they're the result of natural contingency. The lesson is only that God speaks through them.

And it's here where conservatives tend to get it wrong and liberals tend to miss the point. A recent example of this is the reaction of certain religious circles, conservative and liberal, to the outbreak of AIDS. When AIDS first broke out, a number of strong conservative religious voices spoke out saying that AIDS was God's punishment on us for our sexual promiscuity, particularly for homosexuality. Liberal religious voices, for their part, were so turned off by this that their response was: *God has nothing to do with this!*

Both need a lesson on the workings of divine providence. Religious conservatives are wrong in their interpretation: God does not cause AIDS to punish us for sexual promiscuity. Conversely, religious liberals are also wrong in saying that this has nothing to do with God. God doesn't cause AIDS (or any other disease) but God speaks through AIDS and every other disease. Our religious task is to discern the message. What's God saying to us through this?

James Mackey teaches that *divine providence is a conspiracy of accidents through which God speaks*. Frederick Buechner teases this out a little further by saying: "This does not mean that God makes events happen to us which move us in certain directions like chessmen. Instead, events happen under their own steam as random as rain, which means that God is present in them not as their cause but as the one who even in the hardest and most hair-raising of them offers us the possibility of that new life and healing which I believe is what salvation is."

God is always speaking to us in every event in our lives. For a Christian, there's no such thing as a purely secular experience. The event may be the result of purely secular and contingent forces but it contains a religious message for us, always. Our task is to read that message.

And one further note: Mostly, it seems that we hear God's voice only in experiences that are deeply painful for us rather than in events that bring us joy and pleasure. But we shouldn't misread this. It's not that God speaks only through pain and is silent when things go right. Rather, in the words of C.S. Lewis, *pain is God's microphone to a deaf world*. God is always speaking, mostly we aren't listening. It's only when our hearts start breaking that we begin to attune ourselves to the voice of God.

Divine providence is a conspiracy of accidents through which God speaks and we must be careful to get both parts of the equation right. God doesn't cause AIDS, global warming, the refugee situation in the world, a cancer diagnosis, world hunger, hurricanes, tornadoes, or any other such thing in order to teach us a lesson; but something in all of these invites us to try to discern what God is saying through them. Likewise, God doesn't cause your favourite sports team to win a championship; that too is the result of a conspiracy of accidents. But God speaks through all of these things – even your favourite team's championship win!

Ron Rolheiser OMI ©

In the heart of Jesus

Fr Mark Hanns MSC

### **VOCATIONS RETREAT - CAMPBELL TOWN 5TH OCTOBER**

A Vocations Retreat is being planned for Saturday 5th October from 1:00 am until 3:00pm at the St Michael's Presbytery, Campbell Town. If you know of any young men who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood, could you please invite them to come along? The day will consist of input on vocation in the Church, a time for personal reflection and then time for communal prayer. Fr Brian Nichols, Vocation Director.

# NOTICES

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion will commence shortly. Please pray for our Parish children who are about to commence preparing for First Holy Communion on Sunday, 15th September 2019 at 9:00am. The dates for preparation meetings are:

- Meeting for **PARENTS** only Thursday, 22nd August, at 7:00pm in the Saints Louis and Zelig Parish Centre.
- **Presentation to the parish** - Sunday, 25th August, Mass, 9:00am. Candidates will be presented with a Crucifix during Mass. This will be followed by the **First Workshop**, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre.
- **Presentation of "Our Father"** - Sunday, 1st September, Mass, 9:00am. Candidates will be presented with the "Our Father" during Mass. This will be followed by the **Second Workshop**, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre.
- Sunday, 8th September, Mass, 9:00am. This will be followed by the **Third Workshop**, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre.
- **Practice** - Thursday, 12th September, 6:00pm, for Parents and Candidates, in the Church.
- **First Holy Communion Mass**, Sunday, 15th September, at 9:00am, for Parents, Candidates and Family.

## LEAVING COLLECTION

We will continue to hold a leaving collection to assist the family of 6 children left orphaned by the sudden death of their mother. All funds raised will be made available to the family. So far we have raised \$1,558.95 to assist the family. The children's family here, is seeking to obtain visas for the children to relocate to Australia, but these cost over \$1,200.00 per child.

## PRAYER VIGIL FOR ABUSE VICTIMS

We acknowledge all victims of abuse - sexual, physical and mental abuse. Our hearts and prayers go out to the victims, their families and those directly and indirectly affected. We pray that with love and support they will be aware that they are not alone in their time of need. With this in mind, our Parish on **THIS Thursday 18th July**, will be holding a prayer vigil for abuse victims. The Prayer Vigil will be between 5:30pm and 7:00pm in the Church. This invitation is open to all who wish to attend. Let us *"Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking, if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. Rev 3:20.* Live Jesus in our Hearts...Forever.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SEA SUNDAY

**THIS** weekend the collection for Sea Sunday will be held. Envelopes will be located on the pews and can be placed into the collection baskets next weekend. This collection assists the ongoing pastoral support to seafaring men, women and their families through the works of the Stella Maris Seafarers Centres (Apostleship of the Sea) across Australia.

## ST THERESE'S CRAFT GROUP

The Craft group dates for remainder of 2019 are as follows:- 29th July, 12th and 26th August, 9th and 23rd September, 7th and 21st October, 4th and 19th November. The group meets every fortnight from 1pm to 3pm in the Church Community Room. A shared afternoon tea is held, so bring a plate to share. All are welcome to come along.

## **PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH**

PPC wishes to keep you informed of organisations representing Catholic Women in the Church. The Office for Participation of Women in the Church has a monthly newsletter which you can register for. Details can be found at <https://www.opw.catholic.org.au/newsletter/from-the-office>. This is in addition to "Catholic Women Speak", who are seeking to bring Catholic women's voices into dialogue with others in the Catholic Church. Their details are at:

[www.catholicwomenspeak.com](http://www.catholicwomenspeak.com)

## **ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP MASS**



The Sisters of St Joseph and the Josephite Associates, invite you to a Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, to be held at the Josephite Mission and History Centre, 67 Clare St, New Town on Thursday 8 August 2019 at 7 pm. A Light supper to follow. RSVP: 6228 1628 by 5th August for catering purposes (business hours). All welcome.

## **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS AND PRAYER**

The Catholic Women's League is seeking members and wish for everyone to pray for new members.

*Grant, I ask you Lord, a blessing on the works performed by the members of the Catholic Women's League. I pray that by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and the intercession of Mary, Help of Christians, more women will become participating members of the Catholic Women's League. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

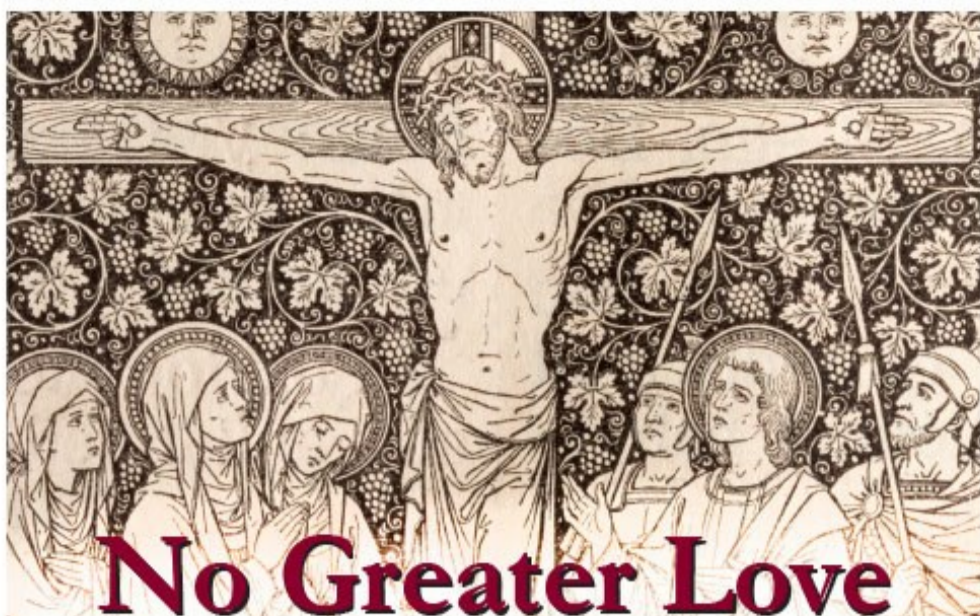
## **JOHN WALLIS MEMORIAL LECTURE 2019**

**Date claimer:** The John Wallis Memorial Lecture 2019 will be presented by an experienced educational leader, Deborah Kent. Deborah, the CEO and Principal of Jesuit College of Spirituality, Melbourne, will speak on "CONTINUING THE JOURNEY – charitable engagement with new frontiers" at Guilford Young College (Hobart) on **Thursday 12 September**, at 7:00pm. All interested people are invited to attend. For further information contact: Eva Dunn 0417 734 503 or [eva.dunn@gmail.com](mailto:eva.dunn@gmail.com)



## **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF) - PERTH 6TH - 11TH DECEMBER 2019**

The Archdiocese of Hobart has organised a pilgrimage to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Perth! The ACYF is a gathering of young people who come together to celebrate the joy and beauty of the Catholic faith in a setting that is vibrant and engaging. If you want to know more about the ACYF, visit the festival website below and check out the promo video: [www.acyf.org.au](http://www.acyf.org.au). The "Hobart-Perth Pilgrimage" is open to all young people from year 9 to 30 years of age and will be held from 6-11 December. All students will need to register through their Catholic Colleges, whilst young adults between the ages of 18-30 can register at the website below: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/acyf-hobart-to-perth-pilgrimage-registration-62123542187>. For more information on the pilgrimage, please see the registration page or the poster in the church foyer.



**No Greater Love**

Mission evenings with  
**Archbishop Julian Porteous**  
An evening of song, testimony, preaching,  
adoration and prayer

**St Therese of Lisieux, Moonah**  
Thursday, 25 July 2019, 6.30pm



vangelium conference

**Becoming  
Missionary Disciples**

**30 & 31  
August 2019**

St Bernard's Church,  
27 Wyndham Rd.,  
Claremont

Keynote Speaker  
**Robert Falzon,**  
Evangelist.

Archdiocese  
of Hobart

To register online, go to [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au) and search 'Evangelium Conference Tas'.  
Alternatively, you can book & pay over the phone by contacting Diana Batchelor on 6210 8805.

**GLENORCHY CITY COUNCIL'S  
IMPLEMENTATION OF A FORCED FOGO  
SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY**

While this petition is not against such an introduction of Food Organic & Garden Organic Service, **it is against Council not giving the community their democratic right to OPT OUT.** Further details and petition are available in the foyer.

**PLENARY COUNCIL**

The six National Themes for Discernment invite people to reflect, to pray and to consider how God is calling the People of God to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is:

- Missionary and Evangelising;
- Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal;
- Prayerful and Eucharistic;
- Humble, Healing and Merciful;
- A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community; and
- Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform

This week we look at **"A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community"**.

*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they*

*would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Each day they met together in the Temple; they broke bread in their homes; they shared their food with great joy and sincerity of heart; they praised God and won the favour of all the people."* (Acts 2:42-46)

**How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is a joyful, hope-filled and servant community?**

As we move into this second stage of preparation for the Plenary Council, we continue to seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Beginning in July 2019, we are called to reflect on Scripture, Church teaching and good practice, to discern the answer to this question. The fruits of what is discerned during this time will shape the agenda of the first session of Plenary Council in October 2020.

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a yearning for the Church to be a sign of God's kingdom for all people in Australia – to be able to see the Catholic Church in action, and to recognise Jesus. There was an expression of faith-filled hope in the capacity of the Catholic community to celebrate together, to show what it is to be a

follower of Christ and to be loved unconditionally by God. There was a call to contemplate the Gospel call to be a servant Church for the good of all people in Australia – particularly for refugees and asylum seekers and other people who are vulnerable or at risk. Many responses called for greater

sharing of the story of the good works done by so many people and organisations of the Church. Some responses expressed a hunger for strong witness of faith, especially by priests, young people and female leaders in parish and school ministries.

#### What people talked about



## STEWARDSHIP

*"...I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God." (Colossians 1:25)*

We are all called to evangelise – to continuously grow in our relationship with Jesus and to share it with others. We may not be called to evangelise like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith with those closest to us, like our family, friends and neighbours. Pray for the courage to share your faith the next time the opportunity arises.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 1,619.50

Loose: \$ 909.00

**TOTAL: \$ 2,528.50**

Week's Pledged Collections:

\$ 2,538.00

**Difference - \$ 9.50**

**Thank You!**

## **LET US PRAY FOR**

### ***The Sick***

Thanh Huynh, Shirley Lehner, Olga Woods, Susan Wilson, Josh Stokes, Lise Levaque, Mary Hughes, Drina Paradzik, Jay Jennings, Tony Dalton, Elsa Bazan, Bev Murray, Kayden Edwards, Marie Morrisby, Lorna Brazendale, Leo Manning, Jan Grubb, Felicity Matthews, Alicia Stroud, Elsa Natoli, Peter van Loggerenberg, Joan Horne, Joshua Baric, Paddi McDonald, Chris Poulson, Joe Higgins, Aileen Jones.

### ***Anniversaries***

Desmond Henry Lockett, Elizabeth Lypka, James John Cooper, Sydney Grubb (Snr), Fr John Miller, Alice McConnon, Rosario Pace, Norah Massie, Doreen Klye, William Clare, Theo Driessen, Domenica Passarelli, Herbert Patrick Coad, Maria Czerniawski, Lawrence B McGuinness, Maria Opiniano, Terry Cashion, Paul Monaghan, Urban Haley, Betty Oliver, Fr William Clune, Reginald Halton, Charles Desire, John Arthur Dance, Patrick Adolphus Holloway, Carolina De Narin, Lil Donovan, Jose Gabriel, Ruby Kathleen Desire, Sr Gwen Dooley, Michal Czerniawski, Vittoria Matiello, Gaetano Pace, Jozef Lepak, Emmanuel (Geoff) Van Luxemborg, Denis Shelverton, William (Bill) Louis Dance, Frank Leaman, Francisco Gabriel, Honorata Dzidek, Odo Miller, Denis Daley, Dorothy Emma Hangan, Kevin Cashion, Piotr Krasnicki, Anna Balazs, John Monaghan, Michael L. Hardiner, Jack Ryland, Kathleen Monaghan, Blanche Gamble, Noreen Dedholm, Catherine Clare, Vern Mackey, Betty Hasler, Jan Sadkowski, Fr Gabriel Saap MSC, Nellie May Kendall, Doris May Gibson, Benita LaPolla, Kay Gillie.

### ***Recently Deceased***

Mark Barrington.

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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)

## **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

*20th/21st July, 2019*

*16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
- Year C*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

### FIRST READING: (Genesis 18:1-10)

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

### PSALM: (Psalm 14:2-5)

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

### SECOND READING: (Colossians 1:24-28)

The mystery hidden for centuries has now  
been revealed to his saints.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Luke 8:15)

Alleluia!, Alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word  
with a generous heart and yield a harvest  
through perseverance.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: (Luke 10:38-42)

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary  
chose the better part.

## MASS TIMES

Monday 22nd to Sunday 28th July 2019

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

## READINGS/ROSTERS

*27th/28th July, 2019*

*17th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
- Year C*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his  
people.

### FIRST READING: (Genesis 18:20-32)

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

### PSALM: (Psalm 137:1-3, 6-8)

Lord, on the day I called for help, you  
answered me.

### SECOND READING: (Colossians 2:12-14)

He has made you alive with Christ for he has  
forgiven all our sins.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Romans 8:15)

Alleluia!, Alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us  
God's children,  
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: (Luke 11:1-13)

Ask, and it will be given to you.

### Saturday 6:30pm

*Readers* Phil Blake, Shane Poulson  
*Ministers* Steve Randell, Donna Bone  
*Projector* Threesa K

### Sunday 9:00am

*Readers* Marie Anders, Melissa Philp  
*Ministers* Rexine & Gerard Synnott  
*Sick* Gerard Synnott  
*Projector* Eva Hangan

### Sunday 4:30pm

*Readers* Bill Jacob, Cameron Brown  
*Ministers* Daniel Duharte, Kerrie Morrisby  
*Projector* Daniel Duharte  
*Altar* Bev White  
*Cleaning* Fracalossi Family  
*Counters* Maria Rodgers & Debbie Large