

# 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 October, 2018

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

## FROM THE PASTOR

### WELCOMING THE STRANGER

In the Hebrew Scriptures, that part of the bible we call the *Old Testament*, we find a strong religious challenge to always welcome the stranger, the foreigner. This was emphasised for two reasons: First, because the Jewish people themselves had once been foreigners and immigrants. Their scriptures kept reminding them not to forget that. Second, they believed that God's revelation, most often, comes to us through the stranger, in what's foreign to us. That belief was integral to their faith.

The great prophets developed this much further. They taught that God favours the poor preferentially and that consequently we will be judged, judged religiously, by how we treat the poor. The prophets coined this mantra (still worth memorising): *The quality of your faith will be judged by the quality of justice in the land; and the quality of justice in the land will always be judged by how orphans, widows, and strangers fare while you are alive.*

*Orphans, widows, and strangers!* That's scriptural code for who, at any given time, are the three most vulnerable groups in society. And the prophets' message didn't go down easy. Rather it was a religious affront to many of the pious at the time who strongly believed that we will be judged religiously and morally by the rigour and strictness of our religious observance. Then, like now, social justice was often religiously marginalised.

But Jesus sides with the Hebrew prophets. For him, God not only makes a preferential option for the poor, but *God is in the poor*. How we treat the poor is how we treat God. Moreover the prophets' mantra, that we will be judged religiously by how we treat the poor, is given a normative expression in Jesus' discourse on the final judgment in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 25. We are all familiar, perhaps too familiar, with that text. Jesus, in effect, was answering a question: What will the last judgment be like? What will be the test? How will we be judged?

His answer is stunning and, taken baldly, is perhaps the most challenging text in the Gospels. He tells us that we will be judged, seemingly solely, on the basis of how we treated the poor, that is, on how we have treated the most vulnerable among us. Moreover at one point, he singles out "the stranger", the foreigner, the refugee: *"I was a stranger and you made me welcome ... or ... you never made me welcome."* We end up on the right or wrong side of God on the basis of how we treat the stranger.

# FROM THE PASTOR

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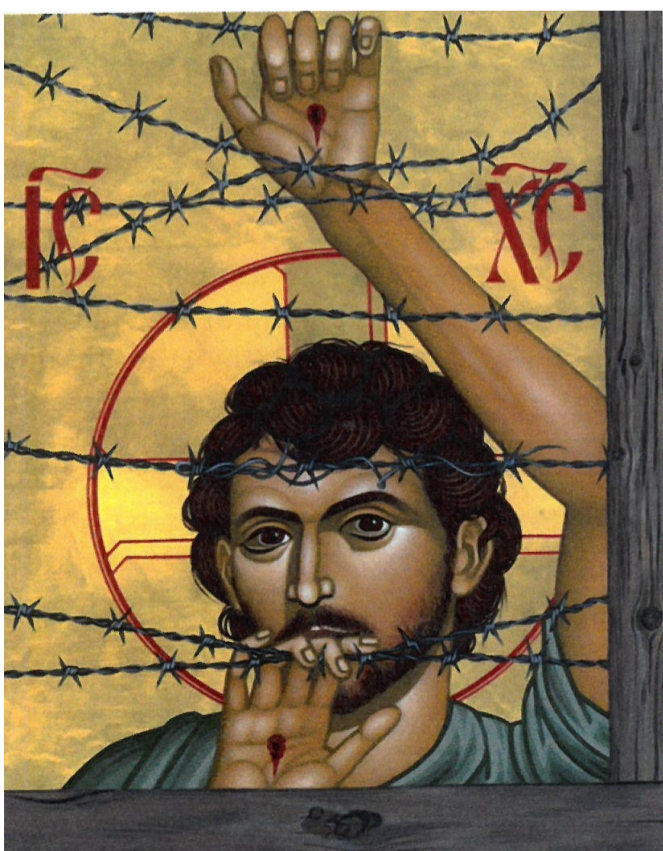
What also needs to be highlighted in this text about the last judgment is that neither group, those who got it right and those who got it wrong, knew what they were doing. Both initially protest: the first by saying: “We didn’t know it was you we were serving” and the second by saying: “Had we known it was you we would have responded.” Both protests, it would seem, are beside the point. In Matthew’s Gospel, mature discipleship doesn’t depend upon us believing that we have it right, it depends only upon us doing it right.

These scriptural principles, I believe, are very apropos today in the face of the refugee and immigrant issues we are facing in the Western world. Today, without doubt, we are facing the biggest humanitarian crisis since the end of the Second World War. Millions upon millions of people, under unjust persecution and the threat of death, are being driven from their homes and homelands with no place to go and no country or community to receive them. As Christians we may not turn our backs on them or turn them away. If Jesus is to be believed, we will be judged religiously more by how we treat refugees than by whether or not we are going to church. When we stand before God in judgment and say in protest: “When did I see you a stranger and not welcome you?” Our generation is likely to hear: “I was a Syrian refugee, and you did not welcome me.”

This, no doubt, might sound naïve, over-idealistic, and fundamentalist. The issue of refugees and immigrants is both highly sensitive and very complex. Countries have borders that need to be respected and defended, just as its citizens have a right to be protected. Admittedly, there are very real political, social, economic, and security issues that have to be addressed. But, as we, our churches, and our governments, address them we must remain clear on what the scriptures, Jesus, and the social teachings of the church uncompromisingly teach: We are to welcome the stranger, irrespective of inconvenience and even if there are some dangers.

For all sorts of pragmatic reasons, political, social, economic, and security, we can perhaps justify not welcoming the stranger; but we can never justify this on Christian grounds. Not welcoming stranger is antithetical to the very heart of Jesus’ message and makes us too-easily forget that we too once were the outsider.

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI



### 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**



## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

### **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

A time for preparing our children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation is approaching. An invitation is extended to any parents who wish their children to take part in preparing to celebrate First Reconciliation to complete an enrolment form and forward the form either prior to, or at the information sessions. The forms are located in the Church foyer. 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:

- **An introductory session for Parents only - Thursday, 8th November** in the Parish Centre at 7:00pm.
- **Presentation to the Parish - Sunday, 11th November, Mass, 9:00am.** Candidates will be presented to the Parish Community. This will be followed by the **First Preparation workshop**, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre from approx. 10:15am to 11:15am.
- **Mass - 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 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.

### **2019 ST COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR**

The 2019 St Columban Art Calendar is available for sale at the Piety Shop for only \$9.00.

## **LECTIO DIVINA**

On the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month Lectio Divina is held in the Ss Louis and Zelig Martin Parish Centre, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Chapel from 10:00am until 11:30am. All are welcome.

### **SILENT MEDITATION**

On 5th & 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.

### **NO RECONCILIATION**

There will be no reconciliation next Saturday, 27th October 2018.

### **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 goes 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.

### **MSC MISSION COLLECTION**

Thank you for your kind donations to assist the MSC Mission Appeal, \$1,465.00 was raised.

## **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.

## **NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS**

During the month of November, Masses are offered for the Souls of the Faithful Departed. In the foyer are "November Mass Offering" envelopes. If you would like a Mass to be offered for someone please complete and add to the normal collections over the next few weekends in October. A schedule will then be arranged for a Mass to be celebrated during the month of November.

## **ST. JOHN PAUL II EVENING WITH POLISH SISTERS**

The Feast of St. John Paul II, will be celebrated on Monday, 22nd October at 6.00 pm, at St. Therese's Church. To celebrate the Feast of St. John Paul II and the 40th anniversary of his election as pope, all are invited to the St. John Paul II Evening. Prayer of the Holy Rosary, followed by a short talk about John Paul II the Great. This will be followed by a documentary: The last days of Pope John Paul II - The untold stories. Supper will include "Kremówki" - the favourite cake of John Paul II.

## **AUSTRALIA'S UNNECESSARY WARS**

A lecture by Henry Reynolds presented by the Tasmanian Peace Trust titled Australia's Unnecessary Wars will be held on Wednesday, 24th October. A light snack at 5:30pm for a 6:00pm start. This lecture will be held at the Friends' Meeting House 5 Boa Vista Road, North Hobart.

## **150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GRAND BAZAAR**

Save the date! The St Mary's College Grand Bazaar will be taking place on Sunday, 21st October, and it's set to be an action-packed, fun-filled day for the whole family. Hosted by the St Mary's College Parents and Friends Association, the event will mark the school's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a line-up of stalls, activities and attractions that will transport guests back to our colonial roots. We look forward to seeing you all there from 11.00am-2.00pm on the St Mary's College Green (top ground).

## **DIRECTED RETREAT AT MARYKNOLL**

This retreat is from 26th October to 4th November but each day is stand alone, so you may come for one day or as many days as you wish. The retreat will be led by Fr Peter Addicoat and Sr Margaret Henderson RMS. For a copy of the brochure please see the Archdiocesan and Parish website or contact Margaret on 0418 366 923 or [mm.henderson@bigpond.com](mailto:mm.henderson@bigpond.com).

## **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 [www.waytostjames.com.au/register/](http://www.waytostjames.com.au/register/) For more information, please feel free to contact Leanne Prichard on 0409434784 or at [leanne.prichard@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:leanne.prichard@catholic.tas.edu.au)

## **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 [info@griegtograceaus.org.au](mailto:info@griegtograceaus.org.au) or phone 0478599241. For more information visit [www.griegtograce.org](http://www.griegtograce.org)

## MYER HOBART CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Do you know any children who would love to be an angel or shepherd? This year the Archdiocese of Hobart will be participating in the Myer Hobart Christmas pageant. Our theme is *Jesus is the reason for the season* and we are seeking participants and volunteers to help create a living nativity scene. Children will be given an opportunity to walk the streets of Hobart as an angel, shepherd or sheep. We are also seeking youth and young adults to fill the roles of the principal nativity characters. Anyone who would love to sew some costumes, make some props, or simply just wants to join in with the fun on the day will be greatly appreciated. The pageant is being held in the Hobart CBD on **Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> November**. The parade officially commences at **10:30 am** and concludes at **12:00 pm**.

Registrations for participation close on the **Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> of October**. To express your interest or for further information please contact Ella Tobin on [ella.tobin@aohtas.org.au](mailto:ella.tobin@aohtas.org.au) or on 0468 601 517. Places are limited, so get in early.

## 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.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 1,704.20  
Loose: \$ 354.30  
**TOTAL: \$ 2,058.50**  
Week's Budget Collections:  
\$ 2,538.00

**LOSS \$ 479.50**

Thank You!

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### 1ST APRIL TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018

	Budget	Actual
<b>Income</b>	\$76,313.00	<b>\$85,664.53</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	\$77,843.00	<b>\$79,581.73</b>
<b>Loss/ Surplus</b>	<b>-\$ 1,530.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,082.80</b>

The above finance report is showing Income above budget due to Planned Giving being ahead of last year. However the top figures for weekly collections has shown a loss for the last few weekends due to the loose collection being below budget.

Expenditure is slightly above budget due to an increase in Archdiocesan Levies, Rates, together with an outstanding insurance claim for water damage. The Parish Finance Council wishes to thank all Parishioners for their generous support. If you have any questions the Parish Finance Council is happy to answer these.

## STEWARDSHIP

*"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." MARK 10:45*

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share". This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others.



## DISCIPLESHIP

**Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45**

The disciples were a very ambitious group. We tend to think of them as meek and mild, accepting everything, and loving Jesus to the end. That is a fairy tale that does not really say much about the real characters of the apostles. Jesus aptly named the apostles, James and John, as 'the Sons of Thunder.' They did not believe in doing things by halves. They wanted to bring down a bolt of lightning on the cities that refused to give hospitality to Jesus. But he did not accept their way of going about things. They had much to learn.

When Jesus heard the dispute that was going on among all his disciples, he called them to his side and once again tried to bring them to a better understanding of what he was really about. "The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many."

From the text, there are two questions that arise. We can look around at the dwindling numbers in our churches and ask: How are we going to get the people back to church again? Or we can accept this as a matter of fact and ask another question: How can we who are present in our church today become a more vital, life-giving group to the community at large?

The first question draws us into ourselves and hence we can become very introspective. We can look in on ourselves and can worry about things that are not really important. We can be like the disciples and become ambitious. We can want things to go our own way. We can want the church to be in our own image. But is that really what God wants?

The second question takes us out of ourselves and faces us outwards to the world: How can we become a more vital, life-giving group to the world at large? There were very few people in the first community that Jesus set up. Why should we be more favoured? It is a much more healthy way to

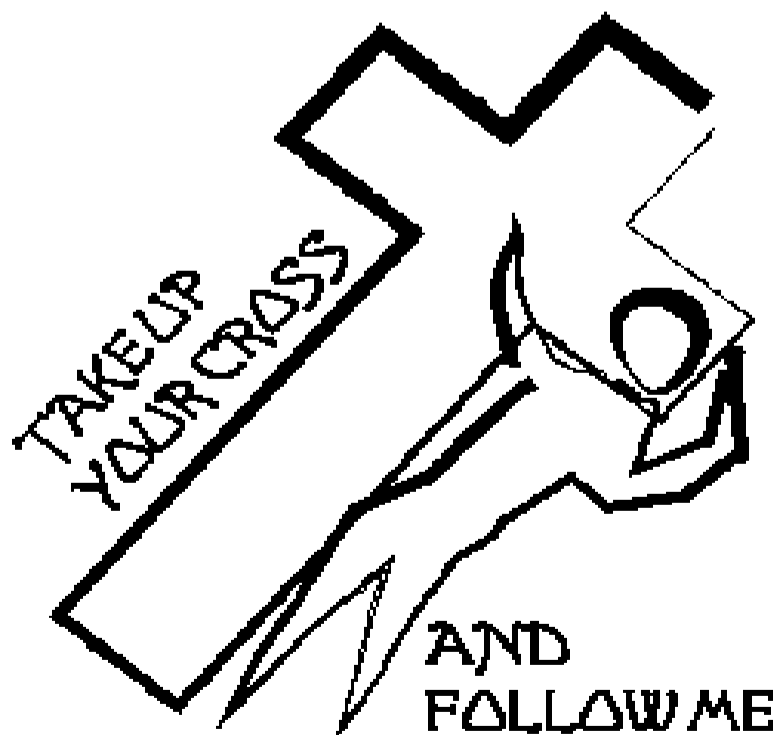
view our calling as God's people by looking out at the world and being of service to all.

*Noel Mansfield, msc ©*



### 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.



**'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,  
Fr Peter Nicholls, **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, Marian Simpson.*

### ***Anniversaries***

*Marie Katranjac, Mary Driessen,  
Marjorie Jean Becker, Margarita Camarao,  
Fr Arthur Perkins, Sr Veronica Higgins,  
Gordon Clarke, Dave Smith, Charles J Stokoe,  
Thalia Baker, Teo Stockmann,  
Horace Duggan, Joyce Patricia Gadd,  
Myrtle Dwyer, Michal Zolniewczak,  
Jozef Lepak, Boniface Siksnius,  
Fr Edward Sheedy, Laurence Lyons,  
David Darby, Fr James Long, Hillary Sweeney,  
Charles Denis Mahony, Ian Wilson Coad,  
Malcolm L. Jenkins, Michal Wilczynski,  
Ila Weaving, Adam Krasnicki,  
Barbara Therese Rakowski,  
Amy Elizabeth Rose, Rogelio Gabriel,  
Walter Gamble. George Harrison,  
Lionel J. Ford, Margaret Mary Watson,  
Fr Patrick Fanning, Franciszek Czernkowski,  
Diane Radcliffe, Stefan Chrost (Jnr),  
Brian Sertori, Ellen Deacon,  
Bridget Monaghan, Donato Brighella,  
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.*

### ***Recently Deceased***

*Marian Zieba.*

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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*

## **PLENARY COUNCIL:**

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

## READINGS

*21st October, 2018*

*Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time - Year B*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

### FIRST READING: (Isaiah 53:10-11)

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs and have long life.

### PSALM: (Psalm 32:4-5, 18-20, 22)

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

### SECOND READING: (Hebrews 4:14-16)

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: (Mark 10:35-45)

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

## READINGS/ROSTERS

*28th October, 2018*

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -  
Year B*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

### FIRST READING: (Jeremiah 31:7-9)

I shall lead them back in mercy—both the blind and the lame.

### PSALM: (Psalm 125)

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

### SECOND READING: (Hebrews 5:1-6)

You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: (Mark 10:46-52)

Master, grant that I may see.

### Saturday 6:30pm

*Readers* Shane Poulson, Debbie Large

*Ministers* Gerry McGushin, Donna Bone

*Projector* Chris K

### Sunday 9:00am

*Readers* Fadi Elbarbar, Tony Webb

*Ministers* Marty Ogle, Paul de Groot

*Sick* Paul de Groot

*Projector* Melissa Philp

### Sunday 4:30pm

*Readers* Carlene Larkin, John Kitt

*Ministers* Melissa Brown, Daniel Duharte

*Projector* Kerrie Morrisby

*Altar* Silpa Pallissery & Lizy Palssery

*Cleaning* Rexine & Gerard Synnott

*Counters* Goldie McGuinness,  
Kerrie Morrisby

## MASS TIMES

Monday 15th to Sunday 21st October  
2018

	<b>English</b>	<b>Polish</b>
Monday	9:15am	
Tuesday	<b>No Mass</b>	9:00am
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