

# St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish

## Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

**Sunday 22nd October, 2017**

**29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**



## FROM THE PASTOR

### THE POWER OF PRAYER AND RITUAL INSIDE OUR HELPLESSNESS

In the movie based upon Jane Austen's classic novel, *Sense and Sensibility*, there's a very poignant scene where one of her young heroines, suffering from acute pneumonia, is lying in bed hovering between life and death. A young man, very much in love with her, is pacing back and forth, highly agitated, frustrated by his helplessness to do anything of use, and literally jumping out of his skin. Unable to contain his agitation any longer, he goes to the girl's mother and asks what he might do to be helpful. She replies that there's nothing he can do, the situation is beyond them. Unable to live with that response he says to her: "Give me some task to do, or I shall go mad!"

We've all had the feeling at times when in the face of a dire situation we need to do something, but there's nothing we can do, no magic wand we can wave to make things better.

But there is something we can do.

I recall an event in my own life several years ago: I was teaching summer school in Belgium when, late one evening, just as I was getting ready for bed, I received an email that two friends of mine, a man and a woman recently engaged, had been involved that day in a fatal car accident. He was killed instantly and she was in serious condition in hospital. I was living by myself in a university dorm, thousands of miles from where this all happened, and thousands of miles from anyone with whom I could share this sorrow. Alone, agitated, panicked, and desperately needing to do something but being absolutely helpless to do anything, I was literally driven to my knees. Not being able to do anything else, I picked up the prayer-book that contains the *Office of the Church* and prayed, by myself, the Vespers prayer for the dead. When I'd finished, my sorrow hadn't gone away, my friend was still dead, but my panic had subsided, as had my desperate need to do something (when there was nothing I could do).

My prayer that night gave me some sense that the young man who'd died that day was alright, safe somewhere in a place beyond us, and it also relieved me of the agitation and panicked pressure of needing to do something in the face of agitated helplessness. I'd done the only thing I could do, the thing that's been done in the face of helplessness and death since the beginning of time; I'd given myself over to prayer and to the rituals of the community and the faith of the community.

# **FROM THE PASTOR**

## **(CONTINUED)**

It's these, prayer and ritual, which we have at our disposal at those times when, like the man in *Sense and Sensibility*, we need to do something or we will go mad. That's not only true for heavy, sorrowful times when loved ones are sick or dying or killed in accidents and we need to do something but there's nothing we can do. We also need ritual to help us celebrate happy times properly. What should we do when our own children are getting married? Among other things, we need to celebrate the ritual of marriage because no wedding planner in the world can do for us what the ritual, especially the church-ritual, of marriage can do. Weddings, just like funerals, are a prime example of where we need ritual to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

Sadly, today, we are a culture that for the most part is ritually tone-deaf. We don't understand ritual and therefore mostly don't know what to do when we need to be doing something but we don't know what to do. That's a fault, a painful poverty, in our understanding.

The Trappist monks who were martyred in Algeria in 1996 were first visited by the Islamic extremists who would later kidnap and kill them, on Christmas Eve, just as they were preparing to celebrate Christmas Mass. After some initial threats, their eventual murderers left. The monks were badly shaken. They huddled together as a group for a time to digest what had just happened. Then, not knowing what else to do in the face of this threat and their fear, they sang the Christmas Mass. In the words of their Abbott: "It's what we had to do. It's all we could do! It was the right thing." He shared too, as did a number of the other monks (in their diaries) that they found this, celebrating the ritual of Mass in the face of their fear and panic, something that calmed their fear and brought some steadiness and regularity back into their lives.

There's a lesson to be learned here, one that can bring steadiness and calm into our lives at those times when we desperately need to do something, but there's nothing to do.

Ritual: It's what we have to do. It's all we can do! It's the right thing.

Ron Rolheiser OMI ©

In the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Fr Mark Hanns 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.

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

Sacramental preparation for FIRST RECONCILIATION will commence shortly. Enrolment forms are available from the Parish or School Office. Please pray for our Parish children who are preparing for First Reconciliation on Thursday, 7th December 2017 at 6:30pm. The dates for preparation meetings are:

- For Parents Only—**Thursday, 16th November**; 7:00pm in the Saints Louis & Zelig Martin Parish Centre.
- For Parents and Children - **Sunday, 19th November**; 9:00am Mass Presentation to the Parish and at approx. 10:15am in the Saints Louis & Zelig Martin Parish Centre – 1st Workshop.
- For Parents and Children - **Sunday, 26th November**; 9:00am Mass and at approx. 10:15am in the Saints Louis & Zelig Martin Parish Centre – 2nd Workshop.
- For Parents and Children - **Sunday, 3rd December**; 9:00am Mass and at approx. 10:15am in the Saints Louis & Zelig Martin Parish Centre – 3rd Workshop.
- **Thursday, 7th December** First Reconciliation at 6:30pm in the Church.

## **PARISH MEMORIAL BOOK**

Our Parish Memorial Book is about to be updated. Please forward the names of family members whom you would like included, to Deacon Michael before 21st December.

## **AFL FOOTY MARGIN TICKET WINNERS**

Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket in the fundraiser for sending two parish pilgrims to the ACYF in Sydney. We are still looking for the winner of the black ticket with the winning number of 48 (margin of AFL Grand Final), so check your tickets and see either Deacon Michael or Eva Hangan. You could be the winner of \$250. If this is not claimed by 5th November, the monies will be used to assist our pilgrims to attend ACYF.

## **NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS**

During the month of November, Masses are offered for the Souls of the Faithful Departed. At the entrance of the Church 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.

## **MOVIE NIGHT WITH POLISH SISTERS**

This Friday, 27th October at 6:30pm in the Church Community Room. The film is “Liberating a Continent: John Paul II and the Fall of Communism” (2016). The new documentary film that depicts the role played by Pope John Paul II in the fall of Communism and the liberation of central and Eastern Europe, narrated by actor Jim Caviezel, and with original music by renowned composer Joe Kraemer (Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation, Jack Reacher), the documentary features rare archival footage and is the most in-depth documentary to date on St. John Paul II’s ‘revolution of conscience.’ The Communists were no match for St. John Paul II. He was the proverbial “one-man army” in action. But an army backed by heaven

**DIRECTED RETREAT AND INDIVIDUAL  
DAYS OF REFLECTION "TO KNOW THE  
SHEPHERD" - MARYKNOLL RETREAT  
CENTRE**

Our annual directed retreat will be held from 28th October - 4th November. You are welcome to come and stay for the entire time or for individual days, as each day will stand alone with its content. For more information or a retreat brochure please contact Sr Margaret Henderson RSM on 0418 366 923 or [mm.henderson@bigpond.com](mailto:mm.henderson@bigpond.com)

**THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE  
FAITHFUL DEPARTED  
(ALL SOULS' DAY 2017)**

All Souls' Day will be celebrated on Thursday 2nd November at St Matthew's Catholic Church, Pontville. 4pm will be the blessing of the graves and at 5:30pm, Mass. For More information please contact Fr Leo on 03 6263 6442

**ST THERESE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION  
"OVER THE RAINBOW"**

The annual art exhibition for Prep - Grade 6 grand opening 3:00pm - 4:30pm on Tuesday, 7th November in the St Therese's School/Parish Hall. All are welcome. Music, awards, special guests, presentation, speakers & light refreshments will be available.

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CALLED  
YOU  
BY  
NAME**



**STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC COLLEGE  
60TH ANNIVERSARY**

Star of the Sea Catholic College, George Town, is celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year. To celebrate, the school is holding a Cocktail Evening at 7:30pm for past staff and students on Friday 10th November, a Family Fun Day from 12 - 4pm on Saturday 11th November, and a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11:00am on Sunday 12th November. Star of the Sea warmly welcomes past staff, students and families to any of the events. For more information, please contact the College on (03) 6382 1242 or search for the Star of the Sea 60th Anniversary Facebook page.

**CAROLS ON THE HILL - 17 DEC 2017 - GYC  
OVAL BARRACK ST, HOBART**

**Calling all Christmas lovers!!** Do you love singing? Do you love singing about Christmas? Yes? Then we need you!!! **Carols on the Hill 2017** is an Archdiocese of Hobart outdoor carol event, and we are putting together an event choir specially for the night. We are looking for people in our parish communities to be involved. There will be 3 rehearsals leading up to the day. Music and rehearsal CD available mid-October. To express interest and for further information, please contact [luci.macfarlane@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:luci.macfarlane@catholic.tas.edu.au) or 0407 095 964.

**THE WAY TO ST JAMES (CYGNET)  
THE CAMINO OF THE SOUTH**

After the successful pilgrimage in 2017, it is announced that the 2018 pilgrimage will be held on 12-13 January 2018. 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. To find



out more or to book visit [www.waystojames.com.au](http://www.waystojames.com.au) or take a flyer from the church foyer.

### **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)

### **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.



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Is this?  
And whose  
Inscription?*

### **PAYING TRIBUTE TO CAESAR**

**(IS 45:1.4-6; 1 THES 1:1-5; MT 22:15-21)**

If you wander into a casino or an hotel with poker machines, you will see people looking seriously at a set of pictures spinning around. Those pictures represent the pull of the almighty dollar. Or you can simply sit in your lounge chair and watch people trying to be millionaires by answering a few questions. The attraction of wealth is there for all of us.

Today's gospel places this fatal attraction in focus. The Pharisees make a pact with their traditional enemies, the Herodians. Herod collaborated with the Romans and was therefore an enemy of the Jews. Together they are out to trap Jesus. They are looking for a way to catch him out in what he says. Then they will be able to arrest him and hand him over to the Roman authorities.

They begin their questioning with obvious sarcasm: "Master, we know that you are an honest man! ...Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" they ask. If Jesus says yes, then they can accuse him of being in favour of the Romans. If he says no, then he is opposed to Rome. They have him trapped whichever way he responds. Jesus responds in a way they do not expect. He asks for a coin and then puts the question: Whose head is on the coin? Or who owns the coin? Caesar's head on the coin indicates that Caesar owns the money.

In the Pharisees' question, there is the possible insinuation of not paying the tax and so keeping the money for themselves. But Jesus is going to the root: it is necessary to eradicate all dependence on wealth. It is not only a question of breaking with the political domination of the emperor; it is necessary to break with the oppression that comes from the attachment to this

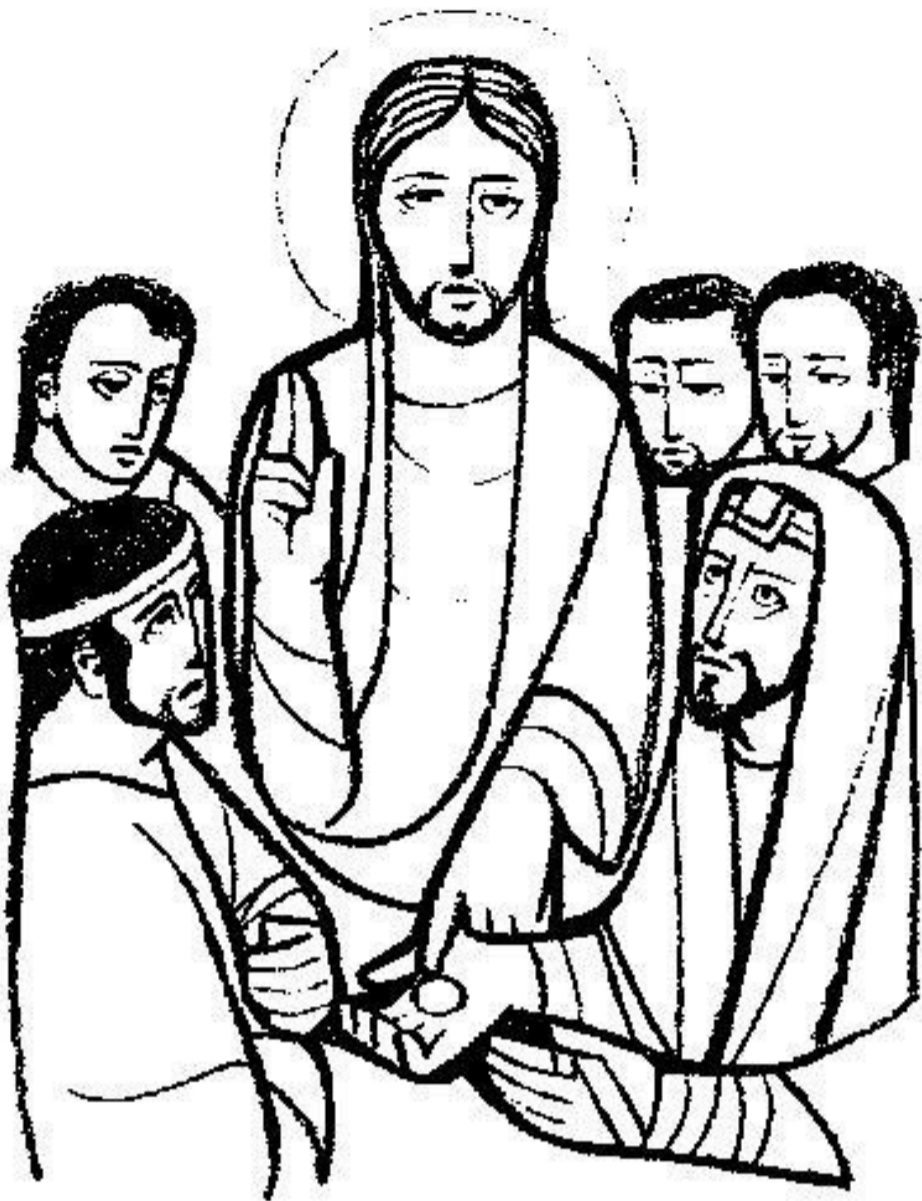
## **LET US PRAY FOR**

### ***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, John Prus, Marie Morrisby,  
Marian Zieba, Allan O'Rourke,  
Denise O'Rourke, Natasha Gutteridge,  
Jean Vanier.*

### ***Anniversaries***

*Marie Katranjac, Mary Driessen,  
Marjorie Jean Becker, Margarita Camarao,  
Fr Arthur Perkins, Sister Veronica Higgins,  
Gordon Clark, Dave Smith, Charles J. Stokoe,  
Thalia Baker, Teo Stockman,  
Horace Duggan, Joyce Patricia Gadd,  
Myrtle Dwyer, Michal Zolniewczak,  
Jozef Lepak, Boniface Siksnius,  
Fr Edward Sheedy, Laurence Lyons,  
David Darby, Fr James Long,  
Hilary Sweeney, Charles Denis Mahony,  
Ian Wilson Coad, Malcolm L. Jenkins,  
Michael Wilczynski, Ila Weaving,  
Adam Krasnicki.,  
Barbara Therese Rakowski,  
Amy Elizabeth Rose, Rogelio Gabriel,  
Walter Gamble, George Harrison,  
Lionel J. Ford, Fr Patrick Fanning,  
Franciszek Czernkowski, Diane Radcliffe,  
Brian Sertori, Ellen Deacon,  
Donato Brighella, William Thomas Hangan,  
Anna Puzinowski, Nellie Curtain,  
Maria Adamus., Eugeniusz Pikula,  
Fr Albert Cuneo, Br Denis Phillips,  
Leonard Haney, Piotr Czechowski,  
Fr Thomas O'Loughlin, Stuart George Smith,  
Lachlan O'Keefe, Monica Haley,  
Roman Raszdorf, Matthew Grubb,  
Marie Beckitt.*



wealth and the possibility of exploiting others. Jesus tells them to give the money back to Caesar and so be liberated from their attachment to wealth. Only then will they be able to worship the true God and give him what belongs to him.

*Noel Mansfield, msc ©*

## **STEWARDSHIP**

“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” - **MATTHEW 22:21**

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second.

## ***Recently Deceased***

*Heather Haines, Leopoldo (Paul) Sambrano,  
Irene Bracken.*

## ***Recently Baptised***

*Mollie Mirtl, Lillyann Monique McAllister,  
Sophia Ivy Grace Clifford.*

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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>

**21st / 22nd October, 2017**  
**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**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 45:1, 4 - 6)

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

**PSALM:** (Psalm 95:1, 3 - 5, 7 - 10)

Give the Lord glory and honour.

**SECOND READING:** (1 Thessalonians 1:1 - 5)

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (Philippians 2:15 - 16)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;

you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** (Matthew 22:15 - 21)

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

**READINGS/ROSTERS**

**28th / 29th October, 2017**

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;

turn to the Lord and his strength;

constantly seek his face.

**FIRST READING:** (Exodus 22:20 - 26)

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

**PSALM:** (Psalm 17:2 - 4, 47, 51)

I love you, Lord, my strength.

**SECOND READING:** (1 Thessalonians 1:5 - 10)

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (John 14:23)

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,

and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** (Matthew 22:34 - 40)

You shall love the Lord your God, and your neighbour as yourself.

**Saturday 6:30pm**

**Readers** *Ed & Monica Sianski*

**Ministers** *Phil Blake, Eva Hangan*

**Projector** *Anne Thuringer*

**Sunday 9:00am**

**Readers** *B McManus, Marie Anders*

**Ministers** *Volunteer, Eva Hangan*

**Sick** *Michael Hangan*

**Projector** *Melissa Philp*

**Sunday 4:30pm**

**Readers** *Cameron Brown, John Kitt*

**Ministers** *Carol Kitt, Kerrie Morrisby*

**Projector** *Melissa Brown*

**Altar** *Fran Smith*

**Cleaning** *Polish Community*

**Counters** *Eva & Michael Hangan*

**MASS TIMES**

**Monday 23rd to Sunday 29th October**  
**2017**

	<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 (Communion Service)	
Friday	12:00 noon	9:00am
Saturday	6:30pm	
Sunday	9:00am 4:30pm	10:45am