

St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish



Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

Sunday, 23rd February, 2020

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 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.*

SPEAKING WITH AUTHORITY

We are growing ever more distrustful of words. Everywhere we hear people say: “That’s just talk! That’s nothing but empty words!”

And empty words are all around us. Our world is full of lies, of false promises, of glittering advertising that doesn’t deliver, of words never backed up by anything. We trust less and less in what we hear. We’ve been lied to and betrayed far too often, now we’re cautious about what we believe.

But distrust in the words we hear is only one way in which our spoken word is weak. Our words can be truthful and still have little power. Why? Because, to use Gospel terms, we may not be speaking with much *authority*. Our words may not have what they need to back them up. What’s meant by this?

The Gospels tell us that one of things that distinguished Jesus from the other religious preachers of his time was that he spoke with *authority*, while they didn’t. What gives words authority? What gives them transformative power?

There are, as we know, different kinds of power. There’s a power that flows from strength and energy. We see this, for example, in the body of a gifted athlete who moves with authority. There’s power too in charisma, in a gifted speaker or a rock star. They too speak with a certain authority and power. But there’s still another kind of power and authority, one very different in kind from that of the athlete and the rock star. There’s the power of a baby, the paradoxical power of vulnerability, innocence, and helplessness. Powerlessness is sometimes the real power. If you put an athlete, a rock star, and a baby into the same room, who among them is the most powerful? Who has the most authority? Whatever the power of the athlete or the rock star, the baby has more power to change hearts.

The Gospel texts which tell us that Jesus spoke with “authority” never suggest that he spoke with “great energy” or “powerful charisma”. In describing Jesus’ authority they use the word “*exousia*”, a Greek word for which we don’t have an English equivalent. What’s “*exousia*”? We don’t have a term for it, but we have a concept: “*Exousia*” might be described as the combination of vulnerability, innocence, and helplessness that a baby brings into a room. Its very helplessness, innocence, and vulnerability have a unique authority and power to touch your conscience. It’s for good reason that people watch their language around a baby. Its very presence is cleansing.

But there are a couple of other elements too undergirding the authority with which Jesus spoke. His vulnerability and innocence gave his words a special power, yes; but two other elements also made his words powerful: His words were always grounded in the integrity of his life. As well, people recognised that his authority was not coming from him but from something (Someone) higher whom he was serving. There was no discrepancy between his words and his life. Moreover, his words were powerful because they weren't just coming from him, they were coming *through him* from Someone above him, Someone whose authority couldn't be challenged, God.

You see this kind of authority; for example, in persons like Mother Teresa and Jean Vanier. Their words had a special authority. Mother Teresa could meet someone for the first time and ask him or her to come to India and work with her. Jean Vanier could do the same. A friend of mine shares how on meeting Vanier for the first time, in their very first conversation, Vanier invited him to become a missionary priest. That thought had never before crossed his mind. Today he's a missionary.

What gives some people that special power? "Exousia", a selfless life, and a grounding in an authority that comes from above. What you see in persons like Mother Teresa and Jean Vanier is the powerlessness of a baby, combined with a selfless life, grounded in an authority beyond them. When such persons speak, like Jesus', their words have real power to calm hearts, heal them, change them and, metaphorically and really, cast out demons from them.

But we don't always have to look to spiritual giants like Mother Teresa and Jean Vanier to see this. Most of us have not been so personally influenced by Mother Teresa or Jean Vanier, but have been spoken to with authority by people around us. In my case, it was my father and mother who spoke to me with that kind of authority. As well some of the Ursuline nuns who taught me in school and some of my uncles and aunts had the power to ask sacrifice of me because they spoke with "exousia" and with an integrity and a faith that I could not question or deny. They asked me to consider becoming a priest and I became one.

What moves the world is often the powerful energy and charisma of the highly talented; but the heart is moved by a different kind of authority.

Fr Ron Rolheiser, OMI ©

In the Heart of Jesus,
Fr Krish Mathavan MSC

NOTICES

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES/MASSES

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, 26th February and is the commencement of Lent. The following Services/Masses will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday.

- 7:30am - Liturgy
- 9:00am - Mass (Polish)
- 12:00noon - Mass (Including Whole School)
- 5:30pm - Mass
- 6:30pm - Mass (Polish)

BURNING OF ASHES

The Ritual for the burning of the Blessed Palms to make Ashes for Ash Wednesday will be held at the fire pit below the Parish Centre at 9:00am on Tuesday, 25th February, all are welcome to attend.

PRAYERFUL CENTRING

Church as a community is central to who we are, so it is a good thing to get re-connected to each other at church. Church is also a praying community, so it is a spiritually helpful practice to prepare for the beginning of Mass in a way that focuses and centres us for the sacrament we are about to enter into. Thus, we have introduced a brief period of reflection before the Mass begins. We will begin by bells ringing, followed by a minute or two of silence before the bells will sound again and the welcome and entrance procession. Many people do this now, but they are surrounded by much conversation. This will allow us to become centred and to also be mindful of others who are praying. Whenever we are in the body of the church, let us be mindful to maintain this reverent quietness, not suppressing all conversation but keeping it to a very low volume, so others can pray.

PROJECT COMPASSION

With the commencement of Lent on Wednesday, 26th February, Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes are available in the Church Foyer.

RCIA

The Parish has a number of candidates for RCIA. We will be commencing the RCIA Program on Thursday 27th February in the Chapel in the Parish Centre. If you know anyone who might be interested please see either Deacon Michael or Fr Krish.

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH?

We welcome you to St Therese of Lisieux Moonah Lutana Parish! To help you become involved in our parish life and any of the various ministries of the parish, please complete a registration form located in the Church foyer and return to the Parish Office or place it on the collection plate at any Mass. We will then be in touch.

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL POOR BOX

In the foyer of the Church is located the St 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.

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.

ST THERESE'S CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group has recommenced for 2020. They normally meet each fortnight on a Monday afternoon from 1:00pm - 3:00pm in the Community Room at St Therese's Church. A donation and a shared afternoon tea is held, so bring a plate to share. All are welcome to come along. Dates for 2020 are: 2nd, 16th and 30th March, 6th and 20th April, 4th and 18th May, 1st, 15th and 29th June, 13th and 27th July, 10th and 24 August, 7th and 21st September, 5th and 19th October, 2nd and 16th November.

FORMED HAS BEEN UPDATED!

(please use Chrome browser)

Because of its phenomenal growth, www.formed.org has moved to a new technology platform. Now over 4,000 titles of award-winning Catholic content, children's programming, audio talks, e-books and more, are available on almost any internet-connected device (PC's, tablets, smart phones and smart TV's etc.) The new platform was produced after consultation and feedback from the users (now over 900,000) across 5,000 parish communities. The new platform has improved performance and an enhanced search tool. It allows offline playback and you no longer have to remember a password because access is now simply through your email address. For existing subscribers just Visit www.formed.org then click 'Sign In' and enter your email address. You will be sent an email and when you click on the link in the email you're in! No more passwords! You can stay signed in even when you close your browser or your device is off. When you go back to www.formed.org just click on 'sign in' and you can start watching again. As long as you don't sign out, the content will remain available to you. If you do sign out, then to get back in just go to www.formed.org again and click 'sign in' and an email will be sent to you and click – you're back in. For parishioners wanting to join our FORMED group account

the process has become even easier than it was. Go to formed.org and click 'Sign Up' on the next page select "I Belong to a Parish or Organisation", find our parish by name, "St Therese of Lisieux 24 Hopkins St Moonah TAS", enter your email address and you will be sent an email - and you're in! Diving into the beauty of the Faith has never been easier: at home, on the go, or from any internet connected device. Discover thousands of books, audio talks, movies, documentaries, and studies... there is something for every member of the family to help them grow closer to Christ and His Church. 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.

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.*

LEGION OF MARY

All Active, Auxiliary members, interested Parishioners are invited to the Legion of Mary Annual Acies Ceremony and Holy Mass. To be held Saturday, 21st March 2020 at 2:00pm, St. John's Church, Bowden Street, Glenorchy. A plate to share for afternoon tea would be appreciated. If transport is required contact Margaret Lello 0407 047 205 or Helen Emery 0408 394 347.

SILENT RETREAT - SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

We invite you to experience 5 days of silent retreat to go in a deeper encounter with Jesus within you. During these days will be offered Latin Mass, Rosary, Adoration, Conferences in the Spiritual Exercises, Spiritual Direction, Confession and Way of the Cross. **Speaker:** Fr Pius, a Benedictine monk from Notre Dame Priory Monastery in Colebrook, Tasmania. **Date:** 2 - 7, March 2020. **AUD 550,00** - per person (accommodation, meals and fee). **Place:** Emmanuel Centre (123 Abbott Street, Newstead - Launceston). **RSVP:** 0418 183 511 or palavravivatasmania@gmail.com

ST PATRICK'S PILGRIMAGE

The annual "St Patrick's Pilgrimage" from Richmond to Colebrook is back and will be held on the weekend of 14-15 March 2020! The pilgrimage is open at all young people from 14-35yo and celebrates the feast of our Archdiocese's patron saint (St Patrick). It is a great opportunity for personal growth where you will likely be challenged both physically and spiritually. Join Archbishop Julian and many other young people for two days of journeying through the natural beauty of Tassie with times for prayer, Mass, song, fellowship, reflection, camping and plenty more. For more information and to register, head to eventbrite.com.au and search for "St Patrick's Pilgrimage."

LITURGY OF LAMENT IN BURNIE

On Saturday , 21st March 2020 at 11:00 am at the Rhododendron Garden, 55 Breffny Road, Romaine, a liturgy of Lament will be held. This liturgy will acknowledge the historical sexual abuse, which took place at Marist College, Burnie between 1957 until the 1970s. You may or may not be aware that a significant number of students were abused over a period of many years. A committee was appointed to work towards formulating a Ritual of Lament, to acknowledge this abuse.

During the ritual, it is anticipated that Archbishop Julian Porteous, Fr Tony Corcoran SM (Provincial Leader of the Marist Fathers in Australia) and Gregg Sharman (Acting Principal at Marist Regional College, Burnie) will each offer a public formal apology for the sexual abuse that took place at Marist College. There will also be the blessing of a bronze plaque which will be later installed at Marist Regional College. A cuppa and light refreshments will be offered after the ritual at the Rhododendron Gardens. Further information will be made available during late February and early March. The website link giving further information about this event is <https://mrc.tas.edu.au/mdos/>.

If you have been affected by any abuse please contact the **Towards Healing Helpline** on **1800 356 613** or the **Sexual Assault Service** on **03 6231 1811** (Day (Hobart) or **1800 697 877** (24/7) or **03 6334 2740** (Day) (Launceston), or contact **Tasmanian Police Service** on **131 444**

INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR SENIORS

Polish Welfare Office invites you to a series of five presentations as part of the project **Dobre Zdrowie = Wellness (Good Health = Wellness)**. The sessions will be conducted by Sr. Elżbieta Czernicka.

TOPICS:

1. What is *wellness* and *reablement* and what is behind these mysterious words?
2. My current situation, what can I do to make my everyday life easier?
3. Realising and setting goals. What I want to achieve and how to achieve it?
4. How to use services effectively to be supported by them and not become dependent on them?
5. How to use technology for my well-being and for recovery fitness?

WHERE?

St. Therese's Church, 24 Hopkins Street, Moonah (Community Room).

COST: FREE ADMISSION

SESSIONS DATES & TIMES:

The first round of presentations in Polish:

Thursday, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th March, and 2nd April.

Time: 1:30pm - 3:30 pm.

Second round of presentations in Polish:

Thursday, 16th, 23rd, 30th April, 7th, and 14th May.

Time: 1:30pm - 3:30 pm.

Presentations in English:

Monday 23rd & 30th March (two presentations per session) and Monday, 6th April (one presentation).

Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm.

Refreshments will be provided after each session. For more information about the presentations, please contact Sr. Elzbieta at the Polish Welfare Office **ph. 6228 6258**

This project is funded by the Australian Government. ALL WELCOME!

STEWARDSHIP

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." (Matthew 5:44)

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy." When we pray for others, even "our enemies," maybe it softens their hearts as well.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 1,338.50

Loose: \$ 1,157.30

TOTAL: \$ 2,495.80

Week's Pledged Collections:

\$ 2,538.00

Difference -\$ 42.20

Thank You!

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

Anniversaries

Beattie Jones, Editha Gabriel Malicdan, Graeme Bresnehan, Elizabeth Trojanowski, Francis Robert Young, 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 Eldrigde MSC, Tess Triffett, Boleslawa Kempa, Stefan Adam Jedyka, Fr Adrian Meaney MSC, Michelle Ann White (Read) Jack Webster, Shirley Ethel May Thomas, Esmay Haney, Michael Noonan, Grace Phyllis Dance, Karol Michalowski, Elaine Voss, Ieva Andrikonis, Stephen John Horne, Bert de Groot, David Blake, Bertram Williams, Thelma Dalton, Bridget Beckwith, Fr Harold Bridgwood MSC, Dino Bighin, Margaret Mills, Benjamin Bresnehan, Tara-Ann Radcliffe, Pauline Krushka Brown, Irene Scanlon, Margaret Monaghan, Max Watson, Elvie J. Keenan, Denis Francis Duggan, Marj Symmons, Denis Henry Scanlon, Marion Keenan, Stefan R. Zelek, Walenty Bodel, Ingrid Leszczynski, Samuel Lyden.

Recently Deceased

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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

22nd/23rd February, 2020
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: (Psalm 12:6)

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been
bountiful with me.

FIRST READING: (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18)

You must love your neighbour as yourself.

PSALM: (Psalm 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13)

The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING: (1 Corinthians 3:16-23)

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ
and Christ belongs to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (1 John 2:5)

Alleluia!, Alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Matthew 5:38-48)

Love your enemies.

MASS TIMES

Monday 24th February to Sunday 1st
March 2020

	English	Polish
Monday	9:15am	
Tuesday	No Mass 9:00am (Burning of Ashes)	9:00am
Wednesday	7:30am (Liturgy) 12:00 noon 5:30pm	9:00am 6:30pm
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

29th February/1st March, 2020

1st Sunday of Lent - Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: (Cf. Psalm 90:15-16)

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

FIRST READING: (Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7)

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

PSALM: (Psalm 50:3-6, 12-14, 17)

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

SECOND READING: (Romans 5:12-19)

When sin increased, there grace abounded all
the more.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Matthew 4:4)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth
of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!

GOSPEL: (Matthew 4:1-11)

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Saturday 6:30pm

Readers Gerry McGushin, Shane Poulson

Ministers Steve Randell, Phil Blake

Projector Anne Thuringer

Sunday 9:00am

Readers Marty Ogle, Brendan McManus

Ministers Maureen Pangrazzi,

Monica Sianski

Sick Monica Sianski

Projector Izak Hangan

Sunday 4:30pm

Readers Kerrie Morrisby, Chloe Rodas

Ministers Rexine & Gerard Synnott

Projector Daniel Duharte

Altar Fran Smith

Cleaning Syro-Malabar Community

Counters Kaye Wood & Marie Anders