

St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish

Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

Sunday 24th December, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B



FROM THE PASTOR

CHRISTMAS HOPE AND PEACE

Are you there? Are you there really?
Does the covenant you made with us still hold?

Into this climate of fear and apprehension, Christmas enters,
Streaming lights of joy, ringing bells of hope
And singing carols of forgiveness high up in the bright air.
The world is encouraged to come away from rancour,
Come the way of friendship.

It is the Glad Season.
Thunder ebbs to silence and lightning sleeps quietly in the corner.
Flood waters recede into memory.
Snow becomes a yielding cushion to aid us
As we make our way to higher ground.

Hope is born again in the faces of children
It rides on the shoulders of our aged as they walk into their sunsets.
Hope spreads around the earth. Brightening all things,
Even hate which crouches breeding in dark corridors.

In our joy, we think we hear a whisper.
At first it is too soft. Then only half heard.
We listen carefully as it gathers strength.
We hear a sweetness.
The word is Peace.
It is loud now. It is louder.
Louder than the explosion of bombs.

We tremble at the sound. We are thrilled by its presence.
It is what we have hungered for.
Not just the absence of war. But, true Peace.
A harmony of spirit, a comfort of courtesies.
Security for our beloveds and their beloveds.

FROM THE PASTOR

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We clap hands and welcome the Peace of Christmas.
We beckon this good season to wait a while with us.
We, Baptist and Buddhist, Methodist and Muslim, say come.
Peace.

Come and fill us and our world with your majesty.
We, the Jew and the Jainist, the Catholic and the Confucian,
Implore you, to stay a while with us.
So we may learn by your shimmering light
How to look beyond complexion and see community.

It is Christmas time, a halting of hate time.

On this platform of peace, we can create a language
To translate ourselves to ourselves and to each other.

At this Holy Instant, we celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ.

AMAZING PEACE: A Christmas Poem extract
by Maya Angelou

The birth of Christ, the infant of Bethlehem, is the beginning of the fulfilment of the deepest hopes of the human heart. And this fulfilment is still being accomplished today. It is a work in progress, so to speak, and the only way it can reach its total fulfilment is with our commitment to accomplish it, with our participation in the work of Christ.

People live in hope. Our souls feed on it. It holds the promise of things as yet unknown that will one day be dreams fulfilled. Newlyweds hope for a child. Prisoners hope for freedom. Parents hope that their children will grow up to be people of wisdom, character and virtue. And in the most desperate situations such as in the current conflict, people retain hope for peace and justice to emerge. Some hope for a new life in a new land.

Hope does spring eternal in the human heart because we are “wired” to believe in a providential benevolence that is always leading us to a higher good, to freedom, life, joy and peace. We recognise -we know- this providential benevolence as the Spirit of God. And this Spirit of God leads us to progress as human beings to become more human. We can see this progress when we look at the beginnings of this nation of Australia, and compare it to the nation we enjoy today. It began as a penal colony, a prison, and a brutal one at that. It went through a long and violent labour to be born as a nation, and then a long and at times painful period of maturation to become the nation with one of the highest levels of human rights protections in the world. It's not a perfect country, and there is a lot of work to be done, but it is a far cry from our beginnings. The Spirit of God has led us as a nation to become more reverent toward one another.

FROM THE PASTOR

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It is the nature of God to create, to re-create, to renew, to liberate people who are oppressed, to replace barbarity with compassion, to lift us up to a more noble humanity. Jesus was born into a less-than-human world, an innocent and vulnerable infant without power, without status. His people, Israel, hoped for a redeemer, a Messiah. They were oppressed beneath the heel of a mighty and brutal power, Rome. As an infant, Jesus was under threat from Herod, king of Israel. It was in this world that Jesus grew from an infant to manhood, inspired by the faith and vision of Moses, a vision of compassion and justice, and immersed in the personal love of his God to whom he related as intimately as a son to a father. At his baptism, he got the full vision of God's plan for the human family. The vision and Jesus became one. He lived the vision to the full, and in this he revealed the infinite love of God to the world. He revealed our true humanity to us, the most noble humanity possible, and showed us *who we can be*. He has raised our vision and aspiration to its highest level. He has deepened our hope that his vision for us will be fulfilled in us.

- ♦ This is Christ the Lord, born today among us, Emmanuel, God-with-us. Come, let us adore him. Come, let us give our hearts completely to him. Let us become one with him.
- ♦ May the Infant Christ be born in your hearts and grow to fulfillment.
- ♦ Happy and Holy Christmas to you and all whom you love.

In His Heart, Fr Mark MSC

PARISH NOTICES

CHRISTMAS MASS TIME 2017

Children's Vigil Mass 6:30pm
 9:00pm
 Midnight (Polish)

Monday 25th December 9:00am
 10:45am (Polish)

A MERRY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS

We pray that the joy of the birth of Jesus Christ brings you peace and happiness and we wish you and your families a Merry and Holy Christmas.

Fr Mark, Fr Kaz and Deacon Michael.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS

The Parish invites your family members and friends with children to bring them to the Christmas Vigil Children's Mass dressed as Angels, Shepherds, Stars, Sheep etc. If an adult has the ability to organise and choreograph a nativity play in Mass, that would be superb. Please speak to Fr Mark or Deacon Michael.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Br Sean McManus cfc, Br Peter Flint cfc and I will be hosting a Christmas lunch together this year for anyone, singles, couples or lone families to come who would otherwise be celebrating alone. It will be at the presbytery on Christmas Day at approx. 12:30pm. Let me know if you intend to come to celebrate the Saviour's Birth with food, wine and good company, so we can organise. Fr Mark.

MOVIE NIGHT WITH POLISH SISTERS

This Friday, 29th December at 6:30pm in the Church Community Room. The film is "A Christmas Carol" (2009). An animated retelling of Charles Dickens' classic novel about a Victorian-era miser taken on a journey of self-redemption, courtesy of several mysterious Christmas apparitions.

VOLUNTEER MINISTERIES

With the holiday period over December/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.

JOSEPHITE CALENDARS

A number of copies of the 2018 Josephite Calendar have arrived. The cost per calendar is \$8.50.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

The Moonah Mission Shop has a number of copies of the 2018 Columban Calendars for sale. The cost per calendar is \$9.00.

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.

PARISH HELP WANTED

The Parish is looking for volunteer assistance to help with the gardening of the parish gardens. This could be of interest to a single person or a group of people. Let's keep our Parish Church beautiful and its gardens free from weeds. All you need to do is come along when it suits. The areas in need are the Church, Parish Centre and Presbytery surrounds.

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. As a community we 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.

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.

POLISH MIDNIGHT MASS - CAROLS

The Polish folk-crossover band, Tekla Klebetnica, will be performing Polish carols on 24/12/2017 at St Therese's Church from 11.30pm until the start of the Polish midnight Mass. All are welcome to attend.

CONCERT - POLISH CLUB - TEKLA KLEBETNICA

On 26/12/2017, there will be a concert at the Polish Club, 20 New Town Road, New Town featuring Tekla Klebetnica. The concert starts at 4pm. Tickets are \$15 per person. Tea, coffee and cake provided. For tickets and more information contact the Polish Welfare Office: 6228 6258 or 0458 28 62 59. All are welcome to attend.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

Friday, 5th January, Jane Franklin Hall, 5:30-8:30pm. A night of celebration, joy and hope for everyone - families, young people, the elderly all invited! Games and activities for the kids, live music featuring Fr Rob Galea (international performer & singer-songwriter) and young people from all over Australia. Free entry, food and drinks available. For more information, contact the Immaculata Mission School immaculatamissionschool@gmail.com or 0406 372 608.



When: 26 December 2017 @ 4pm

**Where: Polish Club Hobart
20 New Town Rd, New Town**

Price: \$15 p/p

**Tea, coffee & cake provided
No BYO**

**For tickets and more information contact
Polish Welfare Office ph: 6228 6258**

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.waytostjames.com.au or take a flyer from the church foyer.

IMMACULATA MISSION SCHOOL

1st-10th Jan 2018, HOBART, Tasmania "To know God, to love God, to make God known"
What? An awesome opportunity to grow in faith & fellowship! Featuring talks on the faith, daily Mass, fellowship, prayer times and lots of fun. **Who?** 15-35 year olds
Where? Jane Franklin Hall, South Hobart, Tasmania **Cost:** \$410 (all-inclusive of accommodation, meals & activities).

Contact: 0406 372 608 or

immaculatamissionschool@gmail.com

To register or for more info:

<http://sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims-2018>.

NEW TESTAMENT GREEK COURSE

Dr David Daintree of the Christopher Dawson Centre, in association with the Verbum Domini Institute, will offer an intensive course in the *koine* Greek of the New Testament. **Where:** Diocesan Centre, 35 Tower Rd, New Town. **When:** 29 Jan-2 Feb., 9am-3pm daily. **Cost:** \$100 plus textbook (pensioner concession available).

Registrations and information:

Dr Christine Wood, 6208-6236 or christine.wood@aohtas.org.au.

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 or phone 0407704539. For more information visit 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 on the confidential phone lines 03 62298739 or 0478599241.

ROSTER

24th/25th December, 2017

Christmas Mass - Year B

Sunday 6:30pm, Monday 9:00am

<i>Readers</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>
<i>Ministers</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>
<i>Projector</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>

ROSTER

30th/31st December, 2017

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Year B

Saturday 6:30pm, Sunday 9:00am & 4:30pm

<i>Readers</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>
<i>Ministers</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>
<i>Projector</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>
<i>Altar</i>	<i>Monica & Victoria</i>
<i>Cleaning</i>	<i>Fracalossi Family</i>
<i>Counters</i>	<i>David Devereux, Joe Higgins</i>

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

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!"

LUKE 1:28

Faith is a gift from God. Take time in silence and thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 1,645.10
Loose:	\$ 782.25
TOTAL:	\$2,427.35
<u>Week's Budget Collections:</u>	<u>\$ 2,368.00</u>
Profit:	\$ 59.35

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, Natasha Gutteridge.*

Anniversaries

*Fredrick Harry Butler,
Gilles Jacobus Stokman,
Ernie McGuinness, Iris Burnett,
Wladyslaw Dorzdz, Geoffrey Brazendale,
Hermينو Gabriel, Nellie Cashion,
Anna Catharina Stokman,
Eileen Hardinge, Anna Balazs,
Wasył Haluszak, Harold Vivian Halton,
Jan (John) Rakowski, Susane Hansch,
Jean Mary Round, Michael Duggan,
Nancy Mackey, Aleksander Cisak,
Pauline Sikora, Mary Hinds,
Jadwiga Wyrwa, Fr John Northey,
Gladys Haley, Alicja Krawczyk,
Janet Jones, Janina Sadkowski,
Kathleen Mary Wood,
Carol Trojan, Joshua Flack, Otto Fritz,
Jadwiga Dmuchowski,
Marianna Gladysz, Paul Taylor,
Elizabeth Ann Rakowski,
Teresita Gabriel Despacio, Joshua Flack,
Otto Fritz, Jadwiga Dmuchowski,
Marianna Gladysz, Paul Taylor,
Fr Vincent Dwyer, Fr Patrick Moloney,
Hedleu Hodgetts, Camden Cashion,
Wilhelm Waiser, Charles Burnett,
David Curtin.*

Recently Deceased

Henry Madej

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Saturday 11:00am-11:30am

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES:

By appointment

ARCHDIOCESAN WEBSITE:

www.hobart.catholic.org.au

TOWARDS HEALING HELPLINE:

Phone: 1800 356 613

TRUTH JUSTICE & HEALING

COUNCIL:

<http://www.tjhcouncil.org.au>

READINGS

23rd / 24th December, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a
Saviour..

FIRST READING: (2 Samuel 7:1 - 5; 8 - 12, 14,
16)

The kingdom of David will be established
for ever in the sight of the Lord.

PSALM: (Psalm 88:2 - 5, 27, 29)

For ever I will sing the goodness of the
Lord.

SECOND READING: (Romans 16:25 - 27)

The mystery kept secret for endless ages is
now revealed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Luke 1:38)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Luke 1:26 - 38)

You will conceive and bear a son.

MASS TIMES

Monday 25th to Sunday 31st December
2017

	English	Polish
Monday	9:00am	10:45am
Tuesday	No Mass	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

24th/25th December, 2017

Christmas Mass - Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord said to me: You are my Son.
It is I who have begotten you this day.

FIRST READING: (Isaiah 9:1 - 7)

A son is given to us.

PSALM: (Psalm 95:1 - 3, 11 - 13)

Today is born our saviour, Christ the Lord.

SECOND READING: (Titus 2:11 - 14)

God's grace has been revealed to all people.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Luke 2:10 - 11)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Good News and great joy to all the world:
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Luke 2:1 - 14)

Today a saviour has been born for you.

30th/31st December, 2017

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and
Joseph - Year B*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant
lying in a manger.

FIRST READING: (Genesis 15:1 - 6, 21:1 - 3)

Your own son shall be your heir.

PSALM: (Psalm 104:1 - 6, 8 - 9)

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

SECOND READING: (Hebrews 11:8, 11 - 12, 17 - 19)

The faith of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Hebrews 1:1 - 2)

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our fathers through
the prophets; now he speaks to us through his
Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Luke 2:22 - 40)

The child grew to maturity, and he was filled
with wisdom.