## St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church In the care of Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC)

## Sunday, 27th October, 2019 30TH 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.

#### **THE GRACE WITHIN PASSIVITY**

A friend of mine shares this story. She grew up with five siblings and an alcoholic father. The effect of her father's alcoholism was devastating on her family. Here's how she tells the story: By the time my father died his alcoholism had destroyed our family. None of us kids could talk to each other anymore. We'd drifted apart to different parts of the country and had nothing to do with each other. My mother was a saint and kept trying through the years to have us reconcile with each other, inviting us to gather for Thanksgiving and Christmas and the like, but it never worked. All her efforts were for nothing. We hated each other. Then as my mother lay dying of cancer, in hospice, bedridden, and eventually in a coma, we, her kids, gathered by her bedside, watching her die, and she, helpless and unable to speak, was able to accomplish what she couldn't achieve through all those years when she could speak. Watching her die, we reconciled.

We all know similar stories of someone in their dying, when they were too helpless to speak or act, powerfully impacting, more powerfully than they ever did in word or action, those around them, pouring out a grace that blessed their loved ones. Sometimes, of course, this isn't a question of reconciling a family but of powerfully strengthening their existing unity. Such was the case in a family history shared by Carla Marie Carlson, in her book, *Everyday Grace*. Her family was already closely-knit, but Carlson shares how her mother's dying strengthened those family bonds and graced all the others who witnessed her dying: "Those who took the opportunity to be with my Mom during that journey have told me that their lives were forever changed. It was a remarkable time which I will always treasure. Lessons of acceptance and courage were abundant as she struggled with the realities of a dying body. It was dramatic and intense, but yet filled with peace and gratitude." Most anyone who has ever sat in vigil around a loved one who was dying can share a similar story.

There's a lesson here and a mystery. The lesson is that we don't just do important things for each other and impact each other's lives by what we actively do for each other; we also do life-changing things for each other in what we passively absorb in helplessness. This is the mystery of passivity which we see, paradigmatically, played out in what Jesus did for us.

As Christians, we say that Jesus *gave his life for us* and that he *gave his death for us*, but we tend to think of this as one and the same thing. It's not. Jesus gave his life for us *through his activity*; he gave his death for us *through his passivity*. These were two separate movements. Like the woman described earlier who tried for years to have her children reconcile with each through her activity, through her words and actions, and then eventually accomplished that through the helplessness and passivity of her deathbed, so too with Jesus. For three years he tried in every way to make us understand love, reconciliation, and faith, without full effect. Then, in less than 24 hours, in his helplessness, when he couldn't speak, in his dying, we got the lesson. Both Jesus and his mother were able, in their helplessness and passivity, to give the world something that they were unable to give as effectively in their power and activity.

Unfortunately, this is not something our present culture, with its emphasis on health, productivity, achievement, and power very much understands. We no longer much understand or value the powerful grace that is given off by someone dying of a terminal illness; nor the powerful grace present in a person with a disability, or indeed the grace that's present in our own physical and personal disabilities. Nor do we much understand what we are giving to our families, friends, and colleagues when we, in powerlessness, have to absorb neglect, slights, and misunderstanding. When a culture begins to talk about euthanasia it is an infallible indication that we no longer understand the grace within passivity.

In his writings, Henri Nouwen makes a distinction between what he terms our "achievements" and our "fruitfulness". *Achievements* stem more directly from our activities: What have we positively accomplished? What have we actively done for others? And our achievements stop when we are no longer active. *Fruitfulness*, on the other hand, goes far beyond what we have actively accomplished and is sourced as much by what we have passively absorbed as by what we actively produced. The family described above reconciled not because of their mother's achievements, but because of her fruitfulness. Such is the mystery of passivity.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, in his spiritual classic, *The Divine Milieu*, tells us that we are meant to help the world through both our activities and our passivities, through both what we actively give and through what we passively absorb.

Fr Ron Rolheiser, OMI ©
In the Heart of Jesus
Fr Mark Hanns MSC

# **NOTICES**

### **PREPARING TO CELEBRATE FIRST RECONCILIATION**

The time for preparing our children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation is approaching. Please pray for our Parish children who are about to commence preparing for First Reconciliation on Monday, 2nd December 2019 at 6:30pm. The dates for preparation meetings are:

- Meeting for **PARENTS** only Wednesday, 6th November, at 7:00pm in the Saints Louis and Zelie Parish Centre.
- Presentation to the parish Sunday, 10th November, Mass, 9:00am. This will be followed by the First Workshop, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre.
- Sunday, 17th November, Mass, 9:00am. This will be followed by the **Second** Workshop, for Parents and Children in FREE, just visit us here: https:// the Parish Centre.
- Sunday, 24th November, Mass, 9:00am.
- Sunday, 1st December, Mass, 9:00am. This will be followed by the **Third** Workshop, for Parents and Children in personal FORMED account, you might the Parish Centre.
- First Reconciliation, Thursday, 2nd December, at 6:30pm, for Parents, Candidates and Family.

### **LEAVING COLLECTION**

Donations continue to assist the family of 6 children orphaned by the death of their mother. We have raised \$2,377.95 to assist the family. The children's family is seeking to each Friday after the 12 noon Mass until obtain visas for the children to relocate to Australia, these cost over \$1,200.00 per child. A basket is near the church entry.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL ASSIST-A-STUDENT

St Vincent de Paul Assist-a-Student is an education program aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty. If you are able to assist please see the brochures available in the church foyer.

### **PARISH SUBSCRIPTION TO FORMED**

We're pleased to announce the availability of FORMED, an online service for accessing thousands of Catholic videos, audios and ebooks On Demand anytime, anywhere! As a parishioner, you will have access to entertaining movies, inspiring audio talks, informative bible studies, and much more. We are providing this resource free of charge to help our parishioners learn and grow in their faith. You will be able to easily access any featured content that we are promoting within our parish community from time to time. So please join us. Also once you have signed up, don't forget to download the free iOS or Android app to put FORMED at your fingertips. We hope you will enjoy this incredible gift and please spread the word to others. To sign up for sttheresemoonahlutana.formed.org then click "Register now" and follow the prompts for your own access to all FORMED content on demand. If any parishioner has a consider cancelling it, using the parish one and donating what you save towards the parish account. If you have any issue please text or call Deacon Michael on 0438 243 533.

### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held 4:00pm in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Chapel in the Parish Centre.

### **ST THERESE'S CRAFT GROUP**

The Craft group dates for remainder of 2019 are as follows:- 4th and 18th 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.

#### **ST JOHN PAUL II DISPLAY**

Over the next two weeks. commencing Saturday, 19th October there will be a display featuring the life of St John Paul II in the Community Room of the Church. The display is titled *Pope John Paul II, Poland's* Gift to the World. The display was created at the John Paul II University of Lublin, in Poland where he was a Professor in his earlier life. The display has been made available to Tasmania from the Polish Embassy in Canberra through the Consul for Poland in Tasmania.

### **MSC MISSION COLLECTION**

Thank you for you kind donations last weekend. A total of \$1,262.65 was collected.

#### **NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS**

Offerings for the Souls of the Faithful Departed can still be made. In the foyer are "Mass Offering" envelopes. If you would like a Mass to be offered for someone please complete and add to the normal collections.

### **PARISH MEMORIAL BOOK**

Our Parish Memorial Book is about to be updated. If you wish for your loved ones or family members to be included please give these to Deacon Michael, before the 20th January.

### **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 anymore books for the library at this point in time, Thank You.

#### **2020 ST COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR**

The 2020 St Columban Art Calendar is available for sale at the Piety Shop.

### **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 go 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 Saint Vincent de Paul.

### **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 for which you can register. Details can be found at <a href="https://">https://</a> www.opw.catholic.org.au/newsletter/fromthe-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.

#### **ROOM TO RENT MOONAH**

Maria Luu has a room to rent at 96 Albert Road, Moonah. If you know someone who might be interested call Maria on 0409 496 278.

### **"SUMMER IN THE FOREST" DVD**

The recently shown film "Summer in the Forest" discovering Jean Vanier's life work, will be available on DVD for purchase shortly. The DVD will cost \$25.00 plus postage and handling and an order form is in the Church foyer.

## **BIBLE STUDY: "HOLY QUEEN, THE**

This exciting bible study introduces you to the Old Testament background to the role of arranged for three more screenings at Mary in Jesus' work of salvation. Discover how Mary is depicted as the new Eve, the new Ark of the Covenant, and the new Queen Mother of the Kingdom of God. The biblical based for the central Catholic doctrines of Mary will also be discussed. When: Thursdays 31st October, 14th and 28th November, 6:30pm-8:30pm. Where: Murphy Room, Diocesan Centre, New Town. **Cost**: \$20 for study guide. **Register**: Dr Christine Wood on 6208-6236 or christine.wood@aohtas.org.au.

### **13 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY**

Fr Brian Nichols will be leading a Harvest Journeys tour of places of religious significance including Rome, Montecassino, Pietrelcina, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant' Angelo, Lanciano, Loreto, Assisi, Siena and Florence. The tour departs on 18th May 2020. The cost per person will be in the range of \$5,000 to \$6,000. For full details, contact Sandy Bay Parish or email: sandybay@aohtas.org.au.

#### **AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED**

An international Catholic Charity that supports suffering and persecuted Christians. Currently over 200 million Christians worldwide cannot freely exercise their faith; Christians are persecuted, discriminated against or oppressed in more than 40 countries. The primary work of Aid to the Church in Need is focussed on providing spiritual & pastoral support to keep the Catholic faith alive. We support projects at the request of bishops and religious superiors who have nowhere else to turn. Visit **www.aidtochurch.org** and click 'subscribe'. If you prefer to receive our newsletter via post, call 1800 101 201 during business hours to arrange.

#### **MOVIE "UNPLANNED"**

**MOTHER OF GOD IN THE WORD OF GOD**" Due to the successful screenings of "Unplanned" last month, Moana Muller has Village cinema, Eastlands. This movie was screened in the USA earlier this year and had great success in unmasking the abortion industry's strategies, and most importantly, in changing people's hearts about abortion. "Unplanned" depicts the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation. All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counselled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in. Until the day she saw something that changed everything. The movie will be screened on Fridays 15th, 22ndth and 29th November at 7pm. Click on the links below to purchase your tickets (on the website, you will see "Buy a ticket NOW" on the left hand side in orange).

These are the dates for the screenings: Friday 15th November - Village Cinemas, Eastlands @ 7pm https://fan-force.com/ screenings/unplanned-village-cinemaseastlands-3/

Friday 22nd November - Village Cinemas, Eastlands @ 7pm <a href="https://fan-force.com/">https://fan-force.com/</a> screenings/unplanned-village-cinemaseastlands-5/

Friday 29th November - Village Cinemas, Eastlands @ 7pm <a href="https://fan-force.com/">https://fan-force.com/</a> screenings/unplanned-village-cinemaseastlands-4/.

For further information about these three screenings, please contact Moana Muller on 0476 030 535 or email

tasmuller@gmail.com.

# ARCHDIOCESAN ENTRY IN THE 2019 MYER HOBART CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Archdiocese of Hobart would like to invite children and their parents/guardians (optional) to be a part of our walking nativity scene in the 2019 Myer Hobart Christmas Pageant on Saturday, 16th November. Participants are required from 9 am – 12pm. Children are given the choice to dress up as either an angel, shepherd or sheep. To register your interest please contact Ben Smith on <a href="mailto:ben.smith@aohtas.org.au">ben.smith@aohtas.org.au</a> or 6208 6036.

### BOOK LAUNCH - MISSIONARY SISTERS OF SERVICE (MSS)

You are invited to the book launch "Dear Mother Dear Father" letters home from Fr John Corcoran Wallis 1927-1949. The launch will be held on Tuesday, 19th November 2019 at 6:00pm for 6:30pm start. At St Mary's Cathedral Centre 3rd Floor, 164 Harrington Street Hobart. The launch will be by Emeritus Archbishop Adrian Doyle. RSVP by Friday, 15th November by phone 03 9873 5520 or email

mssadmin@missionarysisters.org.au. For further information see the notice in the Church foyer.

#### **IMMACULATA MISSION SCHOOL 2020**

The Immaculate Mission School 2020 is a ten day live-in formation school for young people, with talks on the faith from awesome speakers, daily Mass & prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, praise & worship, fun & fellowship & lots more! From 1st -10th January, 2020, at The Glennie School, Toowoomba. It is open to 15-35 year olds. Speakers include: Dr Ralph Martin (USA), Professor of Sacred Theology, international speaker on evangelisation and the spiritual life. Dr Martin is a consulter to the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelisation, Archbishop Julian Porteous, Vince Fitzwilliams, James Parker, Jess Leach, Paul Elarde, Sisters of the Immaculata & more. The cost is \$390 (cost includes all accommodation, food, speakers and activities) before 18th November, \$450 after 18 November. For more info or to register: www.sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims or 0406 372 608.

#### THE WAY TO ST JAMES PILGRIMAGE 2020

The Way to St James Pilgrimage is on again in 2020, and <u>registrations are now open</u>. (Early Bird pricing finishes on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019)

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.

The pilgrimage commences on Saturday 11th January 2020 at 10.30am from the Mountain River Community Hall, and finishes on Sunday 12th January 2020 at approx. 5pm at St James Church, Cygnet in the midst of the wonderful Cygnet Folk Festival.

For further details, and to register go to: <a href="www.waytostjames.com.au">www.waytostjames.com.au</a>
Or visit us on Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/waytostjamescygnet/">https://www.facebook.com/waytostjamescygnet/</a>

### **STEWARDSHIP**

### **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Envelopes: \$ 1,397.50

Loose: \$ 1,073.20

TOTAL: \$ 2,470.70

Week's Pledged Collections:

\$ 2,538.00

**Difference** -\$ 67.30

"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:14)

Pride and ego is the root cause of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable, your talent is better than anyone else and your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Remember all those gifts were God-given. Instead we should be humbled by God's abundant generosity and our hearts should overflow with gratitude.

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, Paddi McDonald, Peter van Loggerenberg, Chris Poulson, Joe Higgins, Gracie Manson.

#### **Anniversaries**

Jan Szczygiel, Antoni Sobczyszyn, Marie Katranjac, Mary Driessen, Marjorie Jean Becker, Margarita Camarao, Fr Arthur Perkins, Sr 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, Michal Wilczynski, Ila Weaving, Adam Krasnicki, Barbara Therese Rakowski, Amy Elizabeth Rose, Rogelio Gabriel, Walter Gamble, George Harrison, Lionel J. Ford, Mary Margaret Watson, Fr Patrick Fanning, Franciszek Czernkowski, Diane Radcliffe, Stefan Chrost (Jnr), Genowefa Pikula, 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 cf, Yvonne Kay Contencin, John Henry Imlach, Leonard Haney, Piotr Czechowski.

### Recently Deceased

Chris Lewis, Lena Trzeciak, Shirley Gamble, Don Ryan Snr.

### **PARISH OFFICE AND PRESBYTERY**

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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/safecommunities

### **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**

### 26th/27th October, 2019 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: (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19)

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

**PSALM:** (Psalm 32:2-3, 17-19, 23)

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

**SECOND READING:** (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18)

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (2 Corinthians 5:19)

Alleluia!, Alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the word to himself;

and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**: (Luke 18:9-14)

The publican returned to his home justified; the Pharisee did not.

### **MASS TIMES**

### Monday 28th October to Sunday 3rd November 2019

	English	Polish
Monday	9:15am	
Tuesday	No Mass	9:00am
Wednesday	12:00 noon	6:00pm
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**

### 2nd/3rd November, 2019 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;

be not far from me!

Make haste and come to my help,

O Lord, my strong salvation!

FIRST READING: (Wisdom 11:22-12:2)

You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.

**PSALM:** (Psalm 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14)

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

**SECOND READING**: (2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2)

The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (John 3:16)

Alleluia!, Alleluia!

God loved the world so much he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**: (Luke 19:1-10)

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

### Saturday 6:30pm

**Readers** Steve Randell,

Margaret Henderson

Ministers Donna Bone, Gerry McGushin

**Projector** Chris K

Sunday 9:00am

**Readers** Eva Hangan, Tony Webb **Ministers** Rexine & Gerard Synnott

**Sick** Gerard Synnott

**Projector** Maureen Pangrazzi

**Sunday 4:30pm** 

**Readers** Bill Jacob, Cameron Brown **Ministers** Carlene Larkin, Melissa Brown

**Projector** Daniel Duharte

**Altar** Fran Smith

**Cleaning** Syro- Malabar Community

**Counters** David Devereux & Joe Higgins