

St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish



Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

Sunday, 28th April, 2019

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

FROM THE PASTOR

THE DELUSION OF EVIL
THE TRAGEDY IN SRI LANKA

The world has been shocked and saddened by the violent evil we have witnessed in Sri Lanka, wantonly inflicted upon the innocents at prayer in Easter Masses at St Anthony's and St Sebastian's Catholic Churches and at a service at Zion Church, a Protestant congregation. Added to this carnage was the bombing of the Shangri-La Hotel, the Cinnamon Grand Hotel, The Kingsbury and the Tropical Inn. Two hundred and fifty-three innocent souls lost their lives on this most sacred day in the Christian year, with another five hundred injured, some of whom may not survive. As we recently signed and sent our letter of solidarity to the survivors in Christchurch, I invite you again to sign this letter of solidarity to the survivors in Sri Lanka...

To Our Brothers and Sisters in Christ at the Churches of St Anthony, St Sebastian and Zion, and our Brothers and Sisters at the Shangri-La, Cinnamon Grand, Kingsbury and Tropical Inn.

We, the congregation of St Therese's Catholic Church in Moonah, Tasmania, Australia, are deeply grieved by the violence and trauma you have suffered in the bombings on Easter Sunday. It shocked us as it shocked people all over the world, that such violence could be perpetrated against the innocent who were at prayer.

We pray in faith that all who died will be received by our Lord into the place He has prepared for those who love. We pray for all of you who are injured, that your recovery is effective and complete. And we pray for all of you who are traumatised and grieving. These will be the most difficult of injuries to heal. May the Lord touch the deepest part of your souls with peace.

You have borne in your families and communities, the Crucifixion of Good Friday on the most Sacred Day when we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. We pray in solidarity with you and for you. And we pray for the conversion of hearts of those who sanctioned these actions. It was only a short time ago that we were shocked by a similar event in Christchurch, NZ, against innocent people at prayer. May we all be one.

May the God of Peace bless you all.

In the Heart of Christ

We grieve for these brothers and sisters in Christ as we grieved for our Muslim brothers and sisters when they, too, were slain in an unconscionable act of violence. All were innocent. It shocks and bewilders us as we wonder what mental and moral contortions one has to use to establish any justification in his or her mind for such an action. One can deduce that it is tribalism that cloaks itself in religion, and that the perpetrators have such a distorted image of a narrow god whom they have reduced to their own making, and that they are driven by a hatred that begets more hatred. Any reasonable person of any faith can see that there is no justification for the murder of innocents, and that such evil acts risk provoking further mindless reprisals without end. Yet these people are hardened fanatical fighters who have returned from the war they have lost in Syria and Iraq. They will be angry, with a belief that they have been denied what was rightfully theirs. Their anger is principally directed at the US and its allies who defeated them. That, therefore, principally targets Christians. Their ideology is narrow, absolute and intolerant of any other religious belief, even that of moderate, pluralist Muslims as well as Shia Muslims, all of whom they consider to be heretics. In their eyes, the end justifies the means.

While we must resist such fanaticism gaining power, our methods must be those of true justice and the rule of law. We are challenged by Christ to never pay back one wrong with another, and to “pray for those who persecute you”. Our response must never descend to hatred, because hatred is what killed these innocents and Christ Himself. Ours must be the prayer of hope in the Resurrection which has already overcome, and for the perpetrators’ conversion. We saw that beautiful declaration of forgiveness of the Australian murderer by the husband and father who lost his wife and child in Christchurch, NZ. May we all share this spirit of forgiveness, and arrive one day at true reconciliation.

In the Heart of Christ
Fr Mark MSC

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, I thought we could introduce a brief time of prayer and silence before the Mass begins. We will begin it with a spoken prayer led by a member of the congregation, followed by a minute or two of silence before the 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. We’ll begin this after Easter.

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.

Fr Mark

NOTICES

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CONFIRMATION

Sacramental preparation for Confirmation will commence shortly. Please pray for our Parish children who are preparing for Confirmation on Sunday, 2nd June 2019 at 9:00am. The dates for preparation meetings are:

- **Meeting for Parents only - THIS** Thursday, 2nd May in the Parish Centre at 7:00pm.
- **Presentation to the Parish - Sunday, 5th May, Mass, 9:00am.** Candidates will be presented with a crucifix to wear during the preparation time. This will be followed by the **First Workshop**, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre.
- **Mass Sunday, 12th May.**
- **Presentation of Creed - Sunday, 19th May, Mass, 9:00am.** Candidates will be presented with the Creed during Mass. This will be followed by the **Second Workshop**, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre.
- **Practice & Archbishop's Visit - Thursday, 23rd May, 5:45pm, Practice for Confirmation in Church**, for Parents, Candidates and Sponsors. **Visit of Archbishop Julian, 6:30pm in Church**, with Parents, Candidates and Sponsors.
- **Mass - Sunday, 26th May, Mass, 9:00am.** This will be followed by the **Third Workshop**, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre.
- **Confirmation with Mass, Saturday, 2nd June, at 9:00am**, for Parents, Candidates, Sponsors and Family.

LEAVING COLLECTION

Over the next three weekends we will continue to hold a leaving collection to assist the family of 6 children left orphaned by the sudden death of their mother. All funds raised will be made available to the family.

EASTER COLLECTIONS

The Good Friday Collection for the Holy Lands collected \$1,339.95, Project Compassion \$5,182.00 and the Easter Offering which directly supports the Parish Priest \$827.60. Thank you for your generous support.

ANOINTING AND HEALING MASS FRIDAY 3rd MAY

An anointing and healing Mass will be held during the Friday Midday Mass on Friday 3rd May 2019. A light lunch will be held following the Mass. If you are able to attend please assist by bringing a shared plate of food.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

PPC is seeking interested parishioners to work together to prepare for the Feast of the Sacred Heart, which is celebrated on Friday, 28th – Sunday, 30th June. If you are interested please add your names to the sheet in the foyer.

PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

PPC wishes to inform parishioners of an organisation "Catholic Women Speak", seeking to bring Catholic women's voices into dialogue with others in the Catholic Church, with those in other churches and religious traditions, and with wider society, in order to participate in a deeper, richer understanding of the Catholic tradition and its relevance for our times. More details can be found at www.catholicwomenspeak.com

ST THERESE'S CRAFT GROUP

The Craft group dates for remainder of 2019 are as follows:- 29th April and 13th and 27th May, 3rd and 17th June, 1st, 15th and 29th July, 12th and 26th August, 9th and 23rd September, 7th and 21st October, 4th and 19th November. All are welcome to come along. We meet in the Church Community Room of the Church.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This Sunday, 28th April at St. Mary's Cathedral: 2.00pm Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation, Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3.00pm Benediction; 3.15pm Mass with Archbishop Julian Porteous will be the main celebrant. All enquiries to: Maree 6228 7108.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' FEDERAL ELECTION STATEMENT.

The bishops call for respect in public debate, share Catholic social teaching and detail some key issues to reflect on before you vote. "Politics in service of peace: a statement by the Catholic bishops of Australia for the 2019 federal election" can be found at www.catholic.org.au.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNION

The Sacred Heart College Old Scholars' Association is holding it's Annual Reunion on Sunday, 5th May at the Riverfront Motel, Rosetta. A two course luncheon at 1pm. Cost \$17.00. Bookings to Kathryn Darvell on 62283975 by 29th April.

FR CHRIS HOPE 2019 PRESENTATION "UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT FALL INTO THE EARTH AND DIES"

Monday 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th May between 10:00am - 12:00noon. The content will be about The Passion Story which is the first part of the Gospel narrative to be formed. Examining the accounts of the last days of Jesus in the Gospels, noting their similarities and differences and how they

came to be incorporated into the texts we have today. The talks over 4 weeks will take place at Maryknoll Retreat Centre, 15 Home Avenue Blackmans Bay. For more information please contact Sr Margaret on 0418 366 923. A donation of \$10 per session.



GRACEFEST is open to all young people under 35 and will include times for music, a talk, prayer, food and fellowship.

GRACEFEST will be held on **Thursday, 9th May, 5:30pm to 8pm: St Mary's College, Hobart (entry from Brisbane St).**

Registration for this event is **FREE** and needs to be completed online. To register and for more information, visit the website <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/gracefest-with-fr-rob-galea-tickets-59416014900>

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP 25TH ANNIVERSARY NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the 25th anniversary National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. The Pilgrimage commences in Melbourne 22 October, visiting Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and concludes in Sydney 2 November 2019. The Cost is \$3,575 – \$4,390 (twin share) depending on capital city of departure (Australia or New Zealand). Single supplement for all areas \$685 pp. For a brochure, application form or further information please email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or call Sr Therese Leydon rsj on 0417 683 123, or Sr Annie Bond rsj on 02 8912 4818.

TASMANIAN LANDSCAPES

An Exhibition of Original Oil Paintings by Carmelite nun, Sr Christina Mary of the Incarnation, OCD, will be held in the External Area of the Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St., Launceston on **Sunday, 5th May between 12-2pm and 3.30-5pm.** Exhibited works are for sale (payment on the day by cash or cheque) and commissions for new paintings will also be accepted. Paintings may be collected at 5pm or at a later date. All welcome.

DOUBTING THOMAS

John 20:19-31

The readings that follow Easter are meant to help us deepens the faith experience of the Risen Christ. Together, the old and the newly baptised reflect on the risen Lord in our midst. Today's gospel is about ourselves. Each one of us must face the inevitable question: Who is Jesus for me? Or we can put the question as Jesus did: Whom do you say I am?

Today we proclaim a beatitude that affects us deeply: 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe' (v.29), because by faith we share in his life: 'so that through believing you may have life' (v.31). Our faith is translated into actions that generate life.

The resurrection did not impose itself as evidence. The appearances of the risen Jesus slowly impacted on the disciples' hearts. Faith opens us up to the risen presence of the Lord. The disciples rejoiced to see the Lord. But it was not simply for the sake of private intimate contemplation. These appearances were meant to give the disciples the power for their mission. 'As the Father sent me, so I am sending you' (v.21). The heart of this mission is forgiveness. Forgiveness frees us and gives us life.

Thomas struggled with that question and was so stubborn that he wanted physical proof of Jesus' resurrection. He would not

accept any cheap secondhand information. His struggle gives us an insight into our own nagging doubts. In our present world, there is so much violence and so many terrorist threats, that it is easy to ask the question: Where is a gracious and merciful God in all this mess?

Thomas was not present when Jesus first showed himself. 'Unless I see the holes the nails have made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they have made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' (v.25) His stubborn refusal to believe is the very attitude that Jesus had condemned throughout his life. The religious leaders had always demanded tangible proof from Jesus.

When Jesus appeared again, Thomas was with the others. Jesus singled him out. Thomas represents all of us who struggle with our faith.

Noel Mansfield, msc ©

Volunteer Opportunity - Teaching English in India



January and February
2020, In an MSC*



formation house or in an MSC* secondary school accompanied by an experienced volunteer and mentor, with free food and accommodation, free internal transfers and wonderful community life. You only pay for your own airfares, travel insurance and visa. A six-week period starting early January 2020. All enquiries to: Gerard Bourke 0404 357 564 or email gpbourke@gmail.com.



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6:00pm Wednesday,
22nd May, State Cinema
North Hobart

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'See my hands!'



***Doubting Thomas by Guercino
(1591 - 1666)***

STEWARDSHIP

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" (John 20:21)

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. Look for opportunities to share His peace, not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, we receive the peace of Jesus Christ.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 1,308.50
Loose: \$ 1,352.50
TOTAL: \$ 2,661.00

Week's Budget Collections:
 \$ 2,538.00

Difference \$ 123.00

Thank You!

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

Thanh Huynh, Shirley Lehner, Olga Woods, Susan Wilson, Josh Stokes, Lise Levaque, Mary Hughes, Drina Paradzik, Jay Jennings, Tony Dalton, Elsa Bazan, Bev Murray, Kayden Edwards, Marie Morrisby, Lorna Brazendale, Leo Manning, Jan Grubb, Felicity Matthews, Alicia Stroud, Elsa Natoli, Peter van Loggerenberg, Joan Horne, Geoff Grubb, Jean Vanier.

Anniversaries

George McGuire, Basilio Gabriel, Kathleen Brooks, Mavis Brown, Elvie Knights, Shaun Pullen, James P. Scanlon, Colin Higgins, Marcin Jablonski, Patrick Jacobs, Mollie A Reid, Bridget Agnes Imlach, Alice Miller, Walenty Ejlak, Maria Bidejowski, Fr Paul Fleming MSC, Giovanni Lindo, Stefan Brzyski, Br Gordon Morgan MSC, Bortolo Luigi Gesiotto, Sr Mary Honorata Scanlon, Syd Riley, Darcy Cooper, Tony Andrikonis, Janine Smith, Eleonora Szczypior, Cedric Davey, Peter Wells, Michael Mika, Doris Kathleen Coad, Stanley Reynolds, Doris Aiken, Jozef Gawlik, Antioco Fonollera Abueva, Jadwiga E. Mianowski, Julia Maud Button, Noel Holloway, David Oliver, Sydney Higgins, Loreto Gabriel, Teodor Sianski, Albert Knights, Ermanno Fidanza, Natalie Daley, Patricia Hills, Wasyl Petryk, Leon Krawczyk, Aldo Perri, Stanislaw Ozon, Dolly Webster, Saturnino Gabriel.

Recently Deceased

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BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES:

By appointment

ARCHDIOCESAN WEBSITE:

www.hobart.catholic.org.au

SAFE COMMUNITIES:

<https://hobart.catholic.org.au/content/safe-communities>

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PLENARY COUNCIL:

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

READINGS

28th April, 2019

*2nd Sunday of Easter - Year C
(Divine Mercy Sunday)*

FIRST READING: (Acts 5:12-16)

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

PSALM: (Psalm 117:2-4, 22-27)

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING: (Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19)

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (John 20:29)

Alleluia!, Alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (John 20:19-31)

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

MASS TIMES

Monday 29th April to Sunday 5th May
2019

	English	Polish
Monday	9:15am	
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 5:45pm (Syro-Malabra)	10:45am

READINGS/ROSTERS

5th May, 2019

3rd Sunday of Easter - Year C

FIRST READING: (Acts 5:27-32, 40-41)

We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

PSALM: (Psalm 29:2, 4-6, 11-13)

I will praise you, Lord, for you have reached me.

SECOND READING: (Revelation 5:11-14)

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia!, Alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation: he has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (John 21:1-19)

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

Saturday 6:30pm

Readers *Phil Blake, Anne Thuringer*

Ministers *Debbie Large,
Margaret Henderson*

Projector *Threesa K*

Sunday 9:00am

Readers *Fadi Elbarbar, Tony Webb*

Ministers *Peter van Loggerenberg,
Monica Sianski*

Sick *Monica Sianski*

Projector *Melissa Philp*

Sunday 4:30pm

Readers *John Kitt, Kerrie Morrisby*

Ministers *Cameron Brown, Marj Smith*

Projector *Daniel Duharte*

Altar *Victoria Maty, Kieran Ahern &
Monica Sianski*

Cleaning *Syro-Malabar Community*

Counters *David Devereux, Joe Higgins*