

# St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish



## Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

### Sunday, 29th December, 2019

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - 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.*

#### HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL

*Hope springs eternal in the human breast;  
Man never is, but always to be blessed:  
The soul, uneasy and confined from home,  
Rests and expatiates in a life to come.*

- Alexander Pope, An Essay on Man

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.

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-truly-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. The other two members of the Holy Family are critical to this development of Jesus. Both Mary and Joseph were totally open to the will of God for them. Mary, in her completely attentive contemplation of her personal God, heard the Word of God, said Yes to God's will for her, conceived and brought to birth Jesus who is Christ. This was her constant orientation, and thus it was the constant example which Jesus absorbed from infancy through to manhood. Likewise, Joseph was attentive and sensitive to the Word of God which he heard clearly in the still of night on the two recorded occasions. He, too, throughout his life set this constant example for Jesus which Jesus absorbed from infancy to manhood. Jesus learned His faith, and absorbed the Spirit of it, through their embodiment of it. The Gospel says Joseph was a just man. The little that is described of Joseph and Mary reveals much more of the influence they were on the growth in personality and character, vision and principle of Jesus.

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 among us, Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Child of the Holy Family, a member of the Human Family. Come, let us adore him. 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 fulfilment.  
May Christmas always be a Season within your Heart.

In His Heart  
Fr Mark Hanns MSC

### **ADIOS!**

I arrived almost four years ago, expecting to be here for six years, or even nine or twelve. Aah, but life is a meandering journey, and other factors come in to play, leaping up to surprise us. Such is my life now, having turned to a new direction. That new direction will have its own surprises and unexpected blessings too,... I hope.

It has been a blessing to be here among you, the good people of St Therese's. It's been a blessing to live in beautiful Hobart in scenic Tasmania. Now that I'm leaving, I'm aware of so much that I have not seen or done, as often happens when one lives in a place. So, I'll just have to return as a tourist and explore all those as-yet-unexplored places. When that day arrives, it will be great to say "G'day" to you again. Until then, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Thanks for everything. Goodbye and God Bless.

Mark MSC

# **NOTICES**

## **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.

## **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.

## **PARISH MEMORIAL BOOK**

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

## **VOLUNTEER ROSTERS JANUARY MASSES**

Volunteers for all Masses are needed for the Masses throughout January. Sheets are available in Church foyer, if you could add your name to assist it would be appreciated.

## **FAREWELL FOR FR MARK AND WELCOME FR KRISH**

A farewell for Fr Mark and welcome to Fr Krish morning tea will be held after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, 26th January 2020. If attending please bring a plate of food to share

## **FAREWELL CLERGY LUNCH FOR FR MARK**

A farewell clergy luncheon will be held in the Parish on Saturday, 11th January 2020. If anyone would like to help in preparing and serving the lunch, please see Deacon Michael.

## **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 St Therese's.

## **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 FREE, just visit us here: <https://stthereseemoonahlutana.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 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.

## **PLENARY COUNCIL DELEGATES**

The Archdiocese of Hobart has been asked to send two delegates to the Plenary Council General Assembly in October 2020 and June 2021. Delegates can be both from Clergy and Laity. If you wish to be considered as a delegate, please contact the Archbishop's office by email: [archbishop.assistant@aohtas.org.au](mailto:archbishop.assistant@aohtas.org.au) by no later 25 January 2020.

## **CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS**

Thank you to all who contributed to the Christmas collections. Christmas Offering envelopes (directed to the MSC's) \$685.00 and loose collection (to Parish) \$ 1,408.05.

### **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. We have received a supply of Christmas Cards for sale.

### **2020 MSC MISSION CALENDARS**

The 2020 MSC Mission calendars are available in the Church foyer. The calendars are free, but if you would like to make a donation to MSC Missions please place into the collection bucket beside the calendars.

### **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.

### **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.

### **IMMACULATA MISSION SCHOOL 2020**

The Immaculate Mission School 2020 is a ten day live-in formation school for young people. From 1st -10th January, 2020, at The Glennie School, Toowoomba. It is open to 15-35 year olds. The cost is \$450 (cost includes all accommodation, food, speakers and activities). **For more info or to register:** [www.sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims](http://www.sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims).

### **MADE FOR EACH OTHER SUMMER SCHOOL: JANUARY 20-24 IN HOBART**

The Made for Each Other Summer School will be held from January 20-24, 2020 at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart. It will be a unique event for young Catholics aged 18-35. The Summer School will offer a series of lectures from a well-qualified faculty, group discussions, field trips, prayer time and social occasions to create a unique experience of the beauty, goodness and truth of the Church's teaching on relationships, sexuality, marriage and the family. For more information please contact Ben Smith on 6208 6036 or [ben.smith@aohtas.org.au](mailto:ben.smith@aohtas.org.au). A web page with detailed information on the event can be viewed at: [www.bit.ly/2oCtnOU](http://www.bit.ly/2oCtnOU).

### **THE HOLY FAMILY - JOSEPH**

Sir 3:3-7, 14-17; Col 3:17-21 Mt 2:12-15, 19-23

As we celebrate Christmas, we focus on the Holy Family. Today let us focus more closely on the figure of Joseph, the discreet and just man.

In Matthew's Gospel, there is an emphasis on the mindset of the Jewish people. This is the only mention of the flight into Egypt. It is set against the backdrop of the whole history of the Chosen People. These events occur immediately after the Magi have left the home. Herod is threatening the lives of all those children who are under a certain age. Genocide is something we have come to associate with modern times. Yet it has been going on for thousands of years. Herod does not want to lose his power. Joseph has a dream and decides to take the family to Egypt. (v.14)

The original story of Egypt goes back to the exile of the first Joseph, the youngest son of Jacob. His brothers had sold him into slavery in Egypt. Yet he rose from that position of slave to become the most powerful man in the country after the Pharaoh. When the time was right, hundreds of years later, Moses led the

people out of Egypt to the Promised Land. This recalls the words of the prophet Hosea: I called my son out of Egypt. (Hos 11:1) As Moses led the people out of slavery in Egypt, so Jesus was destined to lead his people out of the slavery to sin.

those who are frail in our community to see that their needs are met.

Noel Mansfield, msc ©

When Herod has died, Joseph again has a dream and takes the mother and child back to the Promised Land. Prudently, Joseph decides not to go back to Judea because he feels it is still too dangerous for the child. Instead he settles in the town of Nazareth in Galilee.

As the father of the household, Joseph makes all the decisions. He is the one who shows concern for the safety of the mother and child. We are also called to look after



## THE WAY TO ST JAMES PILGRIMAGE 2020

The Way to St James Pilgrimage is on again in 2020, and [registrations are now open](#).

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: [www.waytostjames.com.au](http://www.waytostjames.com.au)

Or visit us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/waytostjamescygnet/>

### **STEWARDSHIP**

#### **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Envelopes:           \$ 1,443.50  
Loose:                 \$ 1,122.25  
**TOTAL:**               \$ **2,465.75**

Week's Pledged Collections:  
                              \$ 2,538.00

**Difference       -\$       72.25**

**Thank You!**

*"Wives, be subordinate to your husbands...  
Husbands, love your wives...Children, obey your  
parents in everything...Fathers, do not provoke  
your children..."*

*(Colossians 3:18-21)*

Pope Francis said that families, through their life of prayer and love, become "schools of true human growth." Being credible witnesses of Christian love, especially that of family members, exerts the most positive influence on our children. We are all children of God, let us pray and love each other as God, Our Father, does for us.

## **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, Joe Higgins, Gracie Manson.

### ***Anniversaries***

Stan Ryan, Barbara McMaster, John B. Driessen, Fredrick Harry Butler, Gilles Jacobus Stokman, Ernie McGuinness, Iris Burnett, Annie Winifred Williams, Stefan Chrost, Wladyslaw Dorzdz, Geoffrey Brazendale, Oliver John (Jack) Baker, Herminio Gabriel, Nellie Cashion, Anna Catharina Stokman, Charles John Devereux, Mileva Skorajev, Eileen Hardinge, Anna Balazs, Reginald Herbert Watson, Wasyl Haluszk, Harold Vivian Halton, Jan (John) Rakowski, Susane Hansch, Jean Mary Round, Michael Duggan, Nancy Mackey, Aleksander Cisak, Pauline Sikora, Violet Monaghan, Mary Hinds, Jadwiga Wyrwa, Fr John Northey, Gladys Haney, Alicja Krawczyk, James Francis Coad, Janet Jones, Janina Sadkowski, Ante Franov, Claude James Coad, Kathleen Mary Wood, Carol Trojan, Stanko Franov, Joshua Flack, Otto Fritz, Jadwiga Dmuchowski, Marianna Gladysz, Jadran Kolega.

### ***Recently Deceased***

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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)

## **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

*28th/29th December, 2019*

### *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** (Luke 2:16)

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

**FIRST READING:** (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14)

Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.

**PSALM:** (Psalm 127:1-5)

Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk  
in his ways.

**SECOND READING:** (Colossians 3:12-21)

Concerning the Christian life in the world.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (Colossians 3:15, 16)

Alleluia!, Alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
and the fullness of his message live within  
you.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23)

Take the child and his mother, and flee to  
Egypt.

## MASS TIMES

Monday 30th December 2019 to Sunday  
5th January 2020

	English	Polish
Monday	9:15am	
Tuesday	No Mass	9:00am
Wednesday	9:00am	10:45am
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

*4th/5th January, 2020*

### *The Epiphany of the Lord*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** (Cf. Malachi 3:1;  
Chronicles 29:12)

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;  
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and  
dominion.

**FIRST READING:** (Isaiah 60:1-6)

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

**PSALM:** (Psalm 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13)

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**SECOND READING:** (Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6)

The revelation means that pagans now share  
the same inheritance, that they are parts of  
the same body.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (Matthew 2:2)

Alleluia!, Alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;  
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** (Matthew 2:1-12)

We have come from the East to worship the  
king.

### Saturday 6:30pm

*Readers*                      *Volunteers*

*Ministers*                   *Volunteers*

*Projector*                   *Volunteers*

### Sunday 9:00am

*Readers*                      *Volunteers*

*Ministers*                   *Volunteers*

*Sick*                           *Volunteers*

*Projector*                   *Volunteers*

### Sunday 4:30pm

*Readers*                      *Volunteers*

*Ministers*                   *Volunteers*

*Projector*                   *Volunteers*

***Altar***                        *Victoria Maty, Kieran Aherne  
Monica Sianski*

***Cleaning***                   *Syro-Malabar Community*

***Counters***                   *Maria Rodgers, Debbie Large*