

# St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish



## Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

# Sunday, 2nd December, 2018

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

# FROM THE PASTOR

### WHY I BELIEVE IN GOD

Some of my favourite authors are agnostics, men and women who face life honestly and courageously without faith in a personal God. They're stoics mostly, persons who have made peace with the fact that God may not exist and that perhaps death ends everything for us. I see this, for example, in the late James Hillman, a man whom I greatly admire and who has much to teach believers about what it means to listen to and honour the human soul.

But here's something I don't admire in these agnostic stoics: While they face with courage what it should mean for us if God doesn't exist and death ends our personal existence, they don't, with the same courage ask the question of what it should mean for us if God does exist and death does not end our personal existence. What if God does exist and what if the tenets of our faith are true? They need too to face that question.

I believe that God exists, not because I have never had doubts, or because I was raised in the faith by persons whose lives gave deep witness to its truth, or because perennially the vast majority of people on this planet believe in God. I believe that a personal God exists for more reasons than I can name: the goodness of saints; the hook in my own heart that has never let me go; the interface of faith with my own experience, the courage of religious martyrs throughout history; the stunning depth of Jesus' teachings; the deep insights contained in other religions, the mystical experience of countless people; our sense of connection inside the communion of saints with loved ones who have died; the convergence of the anecdotal testimony of hundreds of individuals who have been clinically dead and resuscitated back to life; the things we sometimes intuitively know beyond all logical reason; the constant recurrence of resurrection in our lives; the essential triumph of truth and goodness throughout history; the fact that hope never dies, the unyielding imperative we feel inside of ourselves to be reconciled with others before we die; the infinite depth of the human heart; and, yes, even the very ability of atheists and agnostics to intuit that somehow it still all makes sense, points to the existence of a living, personal God.

I believe that God exists because faith works; at least to the extent we work it. The existence of God proves itself true to the extent that we take it seriously and live our lives in face of it. Simply put, we're happy and at peace to the exact extent that we risk, explicitly or implicitly, living lives of faith. The happiest people I know are also the most generous, selfless, gracious, and reverent persons I know. That's no accident.



# FROM THE PASTOR

Leon Bloy once asserted that there's only one true sadness in life, that of not being a saint. We see that in the story of the rich young man in Gospels who turns down Jesus' invitation to live his faith more deeply. He goes away sad. Of course, being a saint and being sad are never all or nothing, both have degrees. But there's a constant: We're happy or sad in direct proportion to our fidelity or infidelity to what's one, true, good, and beautiful. I know that existentially: I'm happy and at peace to the exact extent that I take my faith seriously and live it out in fidelity; the more faithful I am, the more at peace I am, and vice versa.

Inherent in all of this too is a certain "law of karma", namely, the universe gives back to us morally exactly what we give to it. As Jesus worded it, *the measure you measure out is the measure that will be measured back to you*. What we breathe out is what we're going to inhale. If I breathe out selfishness, selfishness is what I will inhale; if I breathe out bitterness, that's what I'll meet at every turn; conversely, if I breathe out love, graciousness, and forgiveness, these will be given back to me in the exact measure that I give them out. Our lives and our universe have a deep, innate, non-negotiable structure of love and justice written into them, one that can only be underwritten by a living, personal, divine mind and heart of love.

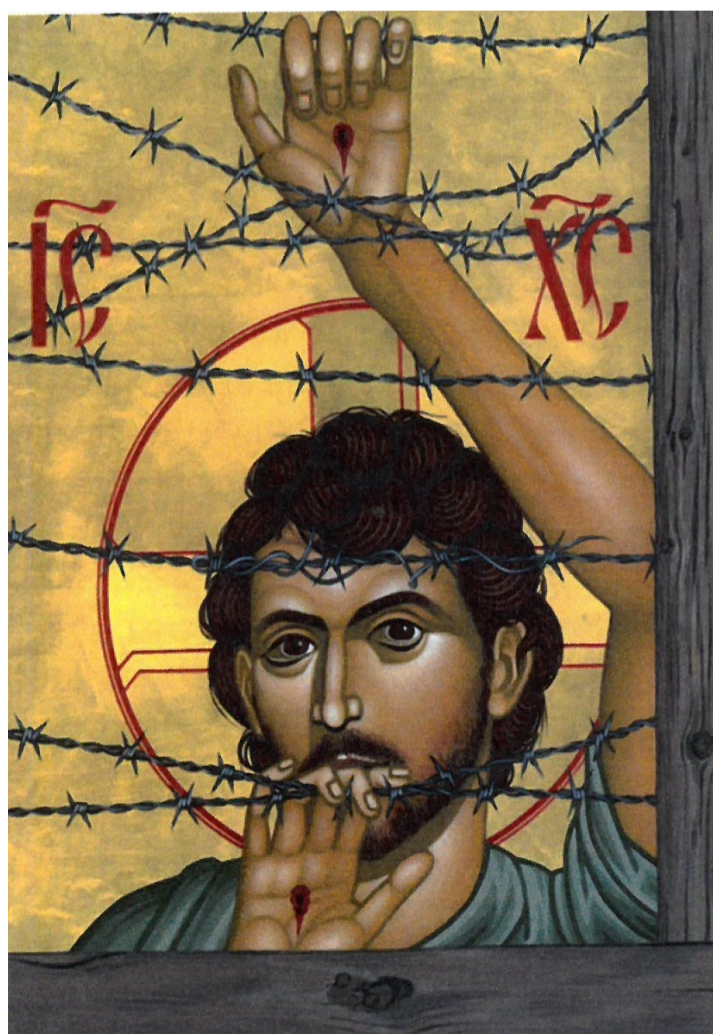
None of this, of course, proves God's existence with the kind of proof we find in science or mathematics; but God isn't found at the end of an empirical test, a mathematical equation, or a philosophical syllogism. God is found, explicitly or implicitly, in living a good, honest, gracious, selfless, moral life, and this can happen inside of religion or outside of it.

The Belgium Benedictine, Benoit Standaert, submits that *wisdom is three things, and a fourth*. Wisdom is a respect for knowledge; wisdom is a respect for honesty and aesthetics; and wisdom is a respect for mystery. But there's a fourth – wisdom is a respect for Someone.

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI ©

In the heart of Christ

Fr Mark Hanns MSC



## Christ on the Margins

The icon does not make clear which side of the fence Christ is on.

Is he imprisoned or are we?

Through our cultural institutions and personal lives we all place barriers

between ourselves and true happiness.

We and our institutions also try to imprison Christ in various ways, to tame him

and the dangerous memories he would bring us of our goals and ideals.

Christ on the Margins cannot be tamed.

**Robert Lentz ofm**

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

### **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Our Parish children are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and we ask for everyone to please pray for them. The remaining dates for preparation meetings are:

- **Mass - THIS** Sunday, 2nd December, Mass, 9:00am. This will be followed by the **Third Preparation Workshop**, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre from approx. 10:15am to 11:15am.
- **First Reconciliation, THIS** Monday, 3rd December, at 6:30pm, for Parents, Children and Family.

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Friday after Mass until 5:00pm in the Parish Centre Chapel.

### **THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

You are invited to join a group of like-minded people, who are thinking about becoming Catholic. If you are interested please see Fr Mark.

### **COMMUNITY ROOM LIBRARY**

The Community Room library is now available for borrowing (and returning) of books. All books have been stamped and a coloured dot will be added shortly. 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.

### **CHRISTMAS CHRONICAL**

The 2018 St Therese Christmas Chronical is seeking articles. Any articles are to be supplied to the Parish Office or emailed moonahlutana@aohtas.org.au. Articles are required before 17th December 2018.

## **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

The St Therese's Saint Vincent de Paul Conference and our Parish School are seeking items of non-perishable food (long life Milk, Cereals, Rice and Pasta) and Toiletries (Soap, Shampoo, Toilet paper, Toothpaste) for Christmas hampers which will be distributed to people in need prior to Christmas. Baskets will be located in the church foyer from this weekend until 16th December. If you are able to help out this would be very much appreciated. Hampers will be packed shortly after for delivery about 17-18 December.

### **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**

The Piety Shop sells a range of cards, birthday, baptism, confirmation etc. and other religious items. All proceeds go to assist the MSC Missions.

### **MOVEMBER DONATIONS TO SUPPORT FR MARK**

Fr Mark is seeking your assistance having grown his moustache during "Movember". Movember is an annual event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and men's suicide. To assist Fr Mark to raise funds for this cause please donate at <https://mobro.co/13940417?mc=1>. All monies raised helps out men's health issues.

### **JOSEPHITE CALENDAR 2019**

The Josephite Calendar 2019 will be available this weekend for \$9.00. If you would like a calendar please see Deacon Michael.






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## **SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

Next weekend the collection for Vinnies Christmas Appeal will be held. Envelopes will be located on the pews and can be placed into the collection baskets over the next two weekends. This collection assists all those who need special assistance at Christmas. The theme of this year's appeal is "A Christmas without Joy" and is a focus on the real-life impact of poverty on families at Christmas time. If you are able to assist this worthy cause please use the envelopes provided.

## **WOMEN'S BREAKFAST**

Date claimer for a women's breakfast on Saturday 15th December 8:30am to 10:00am at Christ the Priest Church, Kingston. More details later.

## **WAY TO ST JAMES PILGRIMAGE**

Have you registered yet for the Way to St James Pilgrimage which will be held on January 11th and 12th 2019? Registrations are due now so make the most of this opportunity to be a part of this wonderful two-day walk through the scenic Huon Valley to the Church of St James in Cygnet. You can register here at [www.waytostjames.com.au/register/](http://www.waytostjames.com.au/register/)

## **MATRIMONIUM SUMMER SCHOOL**

A deep dive into God's plan for sexuality and marriage for young adults. Monday, 21st January to Friday, 25th January 2019, at Jane Franklin Hall, South Hobart. Speakers include Professor Tracey Rowland, Dr Kevin Donnelly and Anna Krohn. For more information call Ben Smith on 03 6208 6036.

## **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 May 26<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing [info@griegtograceaus.org.au](mailto:info@griegtograceaus.org.au) or phone 0478599241. For more information visit [www.griegtograce.org](http://www.griegtograce.org)

## **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.

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## STEWARDSHIP

*“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” LUKE 21:28*

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It’s never too late.



## WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 1,427.90
Loose:	\$ 929.80
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 2,357.70</b>

Week’s Budget Collections:  
\$ 2,538.00

**LOSS \$ 180.30**

Thank You!

## PLENARY COUNCIL DRAFT RESPONSE

A reminder that if you have any comments on what has been expressed or wish to add your own submissions, these can be provided either directly to the Parish Office in person or via email to [moonahlutana@aohtas.org.au](mailto:moonahlutana@aohtas.org.au). Any submissions are to be provided by Friday, 7th December. Thank you.



# Carols on the hill

Saturday 15 December

Guilford Young College Oval  
Patrick Street, Hobart

6 - 9.00pm

Tickets at [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au)  
& enter 'Carols on the Hill'.



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## **LET US PRAY FOR**

### ***The Sick***

*Thanh Huynh, Shirley Lehner, Susan Wilson, Josh Stokes, Lise Levaque, Mary Hughes, Drina Paradzik, Olga Woods, Jay Jennings, Tony Dalton, Elsa Bazan, Bev Murray, Kayden Edwards, Marie Morrisby, Lorna Brazendale, Leo Manning, Felicity Matthews, Marie Knight, Alicia Stroud, Will van Luxemborg, Peter van Loggerenberg.*

### ***Anniversaries***

*James William Monaghan, Kevin Baker, William Henry Hinds, John Aiken, Eileen Hardinge, James Malcom Monaghan, Dennis Cashion, Istuan Ferencz, Stanislaw Wojtowicz, Darrell Baldock, Jan Rodziewicz, Margaret Belcher, Rozalina Hajduk, Kerry Jones, Aleksander Bidejowski, Win Manning, Ray Voss, Gwen Kelly, Andrew Clifford, Christopher Davey, Mark Davey, Fr Kevin Graydon, Von Jenkins, Zofia Jablonski, Augustyn Celny, Arthur Manning, Paul Duggan, Josephine (Betty) Taylor, Iris Daley, Bruce Malm, Tom Aiken, 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, Eileen Hardinge, Anna Balazs, Reginald Herbert Watson, Wasyl Haluszak, Harold Vivian Halton, Jan (John) Rakowski, Susane Hansch, Jean Mary Round, Michael Duggan, Nancy Mackey.*

### ***Recently Deceased***

*Daunta Drozdz, Sr Angela Dance LCM, Zygmunt Cislo (Brother of Adam Cislo), Jillian Brooks (Mother of Deacon Ben Brooks).*

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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

### **PLENARY COUNCIL:**

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

## READINGS

*2nd December, 2018*

*First Sunday of Advent - Year C*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.

Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

### FIRST READING: (Jeremiah 33:14-16)

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

### PSALM: (Psalm 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14)

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

### SECOND READING: (1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2)

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36)

Your redemption is near at hand.

## MASS TIMES

Monday 3rd to Sunday 9th December  
2018

	<b>English</b>	<b>Polish</b>
Monday	9:15am	
Tuesday	<b>No Mass</b>	9:00am
Wednesday	12:00 noon	6:30pm
Thursday	9:15am	
Friday	12:00 noon	9:00am
Saturday	6:30pm	
Sunday	9:00am 4:30pm	10:45am

## READINGS/ROSTERS

*9th December, 2018*

*Second Sunday of Advent - Year C*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice  
heard in the joy of your heart.

### FIRST READING: (Baruch 5:1-9)

Jerusalem—God will show you splendour.

### PSALM: (Psalm 125)

The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.

### SECOND READING: (Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11)

Show yourself sinless and without blame in  
the day of Christ.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his  
paths;

all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: (Luke 3:1-6)

All people shall see the salvation of God.

### Saturday 6:30pm

*Readers* Margaret Henderson,  
Daniel Watson

*Ministers* Steve Randell, Gerry McGushin

*Projector* Anne Thuringer

### Sunday 9:00am

*Readers* Brendan McManus,  
Aleksandra Lejda

*Ministers* Simone McManus, Paul de Groot

*Sick* Paul de Groot

*Projector* Eva Hangan

### Sunday 4:30pm

*Readers* Peter Flint, Colleen Rakowski

*Ministers* Cameron Brown, Carlene Larkin

*Projector* Melissa Brown

*Altar* Sruthi Pallissery & Lizy Palssery

*Cleaning* Maree Triffett & Lizy Palssery

*Counters* David Devereux, Roy Munro