

# 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 February, 2020

#### THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - 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.*

#### FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Dear friends, today we celebrate the feast of Jesus' presentation at the temple. This takes place after Mary's purification, in obedience to the Old Testament laws that describe when a woman who has given birth to a male child should make her sacrificial offering. According to Leviticus 12, this would be after 40 days, which is why the church's celebration takes place on Feb. 2, 40 days after Christmas. By narrating Mary's rite of purification, Luke's gospel demonstrates Joseph and Mary being faithful to God's law and tell us that the salvation the Messiah brings does not disregard the Law of Moses but fulfils it. At the end of the purification period, the parents present Jesus as was customary for all firstborn male children, and the regulations concerning the consecration of a firstborn male child can be found in Exodus 13. But there are no Old Testament rules that insist upon doing this in the Temple. Instead Luke takes this opportunity to mark the public recognition and reception of Jesus Christ. The first and second readings complement this event, as Malachi prophesies about a messenger of the covenant at the temple, and the Letter to the Hebrews recognises Jesus' participation in Jewish rituals. The Temple in Jerusalem, his father's house, is the place in which the people of Israel, signified by Simeon and Anna, recognise him as the Messiah. It is where God's promises of salvation begin to move to fulfilment.

Prophetic words are spoken by Simeon and Anna that speak not just about the salvation of Israel but of the entire world. Jesus' light not only fulfils Jewish hopes but will also shine on the nations. When God entered the Temple, God entered human history. The Most High made a promise to his people, and he is faithful.

The question is whether we can be among those like Simeon and Anna who humble themselves and await God in the temple through prayer and fasting. While the Temple in Jerusalem has fallen, the new temple that Christ has raised up here in St Therese's parish in Moonah continues to gather for Sunday

fellowship we call the Eucharist. We gather in response to God's love for us; we reflect on God's presence in the Word and in our lives; and together with the gifts of offering we get the opportunity to present our gifts, our energies, ourselves for God to transform and use. Today's feast is not just about somebody in the past but about all of us and our call to be dedicated to God and one another. We need the eyes of Simeon and Anna to notice and respond to the subtleties and mysteries of life unfolding around them. They teach us that simply by showing up, being present and listening with the heart that God is present in unexpected ways and fulfils the Christmas promise of Emmanuel 'God is with us.'

Imagine the insights and wisdom we can gain from each other old and young in our Christian community of Moonah. We need each other on this journey of faith as much as Mary and Joseph, new parents on a unique mission, appreciated the words of affirmation and challenge from their elders Simeon and Anna.

I have been blessed these last few days of "showing up" and being here. We celebrated Mark's farewell last weekend and there was a lovely liturgy at the end of communion at the 9am mass where I was handed the mantle of leadership from Mark through my reception of the chasuble (outer vestment) and presiding over the final prayer. I get to introduce myself to you this weekend. A kind of presentation and self-offering if you like in keeping with the theme of our feast day. There are many new things and processes to get used to, like writing this front page in the bulletin. There are many new faces to come to know which I am looking forward to. And like Mark when he first came, it's a new leadership role as parish priest which I am getting my head around for the first time. I ask for your patience and love as I settle into this community and I look forward to getting to know you better in time.

In the Heart of Jesus,  
Fr Krish Mathavan MSC

# NOTICES

## SILENT RETREAT - SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

We invite you to experience 5 days of silent retreat to go in a deeper encounter with Jesus within you. During these days will be offered Latin Mass, Rosary, Adoration, Conferences in the Spiritual Exercises, Spiritual Direction, Confession and Way of the Cross. **Speaker:** Fr Pius, a Benedictine monk from Notre Dame Priory Monastery in Colebrook, Tasmania. **Date:** 2 - 7, March 2020. **AUD 550,00** - per person (accommodation, meals and fee). **Place:** Emmanuel Centre (123 Abbott Street, Newstead - Launceston). **RSVP:** 0418 183 511 or [palavravivatasmania@gmail.com](mailto:palavravivatasmania@gmail.com)

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES/MASSES

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, 26th February and is the commencement of Lent. The following Services/Masses will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday.

- 7:30am - Liturgy
- 9:00am - Mass (Polish)
- 12:00noon - Mass (Including Whole School)
- 5:30pm - Mass
- 6:30pm - Mass (Polish)

## MARRIAGE MASSES FOR THE RENEWAL OF VOWS

Masses will be celebrated by Archbishop Julian Porteous on Sunday, 16th February, 2020 at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart at 10.30am and on Sunday, 23rd February, 2020 at Church of the Apostles, Launceston at 10.30am. Couples celebrating Catholic Marriage milestones including couples in the early years of marriage (1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> anniversaries) are invited to RSVP to the Office of Life, Marriage and Family by emailing [ben.smith@aohtas.org.au](mailto:ben.smith@aohtas.org.au) or on 6208 6036. Catholic married couples will receive a special acknowledgement from Archbishop Julian on the day.

## 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.

## 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, we have introduced a brief period of reflection before the Mass begins. We will begin by bells ringing, followed by a minute or two of silence before the bells will sound again and the welcome and 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. 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.

## ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH?

We welcome you to St Therese of Lisieux Moonah Lutana Parish! To help you become involved in our parish life and any of the various ministries of the parish, please complete a registration form located in the Church foyer and return to the Parish Office or place it on the collection plate at any Mass. We will then be in touch.

## **FORMED HAS BEEN UPDATED!**

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Because of its phenomenal growth, formed.org has moved to a new technology platform. Now over 4,000 titles of award-winning Catholic content, children's programming, audio talks, e-books and more, are available on almost any internet-connected device (PC's, tablets, smart phones and smart TV's etc.) The new platform was produced after consultation and feedback from the users (now over 900,000) across 5,000 parish communities. The new platform has improved performance and an enhanced search tool. It allows offline playback and you no longer have to remember a password because access is now simply through your e-mail address. For existing subscribers just Visit [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) then click 'Sign In' and enter your email address. You will be sent an e-mail and when you click on the link in the email you're in! No more passwords! You can stay signed in even when you close your browser or your device is off. When you go back to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) just click on 'sign in' and you can start watching again. As long as you don't sign out, the content will remain available to you. If you do sign out, then to get back in just go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) again and click 'sign in' and an e-mail will be sent to you and click – you're back in. For parishioners wanting to join our FORMED group account the process has become even easier than it was. Go to formed.org and click 'Sign Up' on the next page select "I Belong to a Parish or Organisation" Find our parish by name, "St Therese of Lisieux 24 Hopkins St Moonah TAS" Enter your email address and you will be sent an e-mail - and you're in! Diving into the beauty of the Faith has never been easier: at home, on the go, or from any internet connected device. Discover thousands of books, audio talks, movies, documentaries, and studies... there is something for every member of the family

to help them grow closer to Christ and His Church. 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.

## **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.

## **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS AND PRAYER**

The Catholic Women's League is seeking members and wish for everyone to pray for new members.

*Grant, I ask you Lord, a blessing on the works performed by the members of the Catholic Women's League. I pray that by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and the intercession of Mary, Help of Christians, more women will become participating members of the Catholic Women's League. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **LAST CHANCE - 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](mailto:sandybay@aohtas.org.au).

### **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 <https://www.opw.catholic.org.au/newsletter/from-the-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](http://www.catholicwomenspeak.com).

### **LITURGY OF LAMENT IN BURNIE**

On Saturday , 21st March 2020 at 11:00 am at the Rhododendron Garden, 55 Breffny Road, Romaine a liturgy of Lament will be held. This liturgy will acknowledge the historical sexual abuse, which took place at Marist College, Burnie between 1957 until the 1970's. You may or may not be aware that a significant number of students were abused over a period of many years. A committee were appointed to work towards a formulating a Ritual of Lament, to acknowledge this abuse. During the ritual, it is anticipated that Archbishop Julian Porteous, Fr Tony Corcoran SM (Provincial Leader of the Marist Fathers in Australia) and Gregg Sharman (Acting Principal at MRC, Burnie) will each offer a public formal apology for

the sexual abuse that took place at Marist College. There will also be the blessing of a bronze plaque which will be later installed at Marist Regional College. A cuppa and light refreshments will be offered after the ritual at the Rhododendron Gardens.

Further information will be made available during late February and early March including a website link giving further information about this event.

If you have been effected by any abuse please contact the **Towards Healing Helpline** on **1800 356 613** or the **Sexual Assault Service** on **03 6231 1811** (Day (Hobart) or **1800 697 877** (24/7) or **03 6334 2740** (Day) (Launceston), or contact **Tasmanian Police Service** on **131 444**

## PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Simeon acclaims Jesus as the salvation of the world...but just what is the salvation that he has brought? Each of us would struggle to answer that question – the mystery is so great. One thing I do know is, Jesus's death did not bring about salvation by appeasing an angry God who had been offended by human sin. That idea exhibits a very poor understanding of God but the fact it still gets kicked around makes one realise how difficult it is to 'understand' salvation. The words spoken by Simeon to Mary point us in a direction that is enlightening, not only for our understanding of Jesus but also for how we should act in our lives.

When Simeon states that this child will lay bare the secret thoughts of many, he is pointing to a dynamic that happens when evil encounters goodness. In the Gospel of Luke, the term 'thoughts' almost always refers to evil within the heart. Jesus knows what the religious authorities are thinking when they disapprove of his cures on the Sabbath, he knows what they are up to when they go about plotting his downfall. It is not as though he had done anything to them. No, the very goodness of Jesus drew out the evil that was within them. They then had a choice: to recognise the reality within them and turn to him for conversion or to

fight against Jesus...which they did. Then we see what bearer of salvation does when confronted with hatred and evil...he takes it within himself, allows himself to be pierced through...and loves to the end. When he is finally crucified by their hatred he prays, 'Father, forgive them, they know not what they do,' (Lk 23:34). Risen from the dead, he continues to love and forgive. This is what salvation is about: the capacity to deal lovingly and creatively with evil.

And that is what we are called to do. We have been caught up in the dynamic of salvation that Jesus is offering to the world. As he has absorbed and transformed our evil, we are given the power to absorb and transform the evil that may be dished out to us. If we live and act in a goodly manner, it will come. That is the nature of the world in which we live. But if we live by the salvation offered us by Jesus, we can overcome it. That is the nature of the love God has for our world.

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## WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 1,098.50

Loose: \$ 824.60

**TOTAL: \$ 1,923.10**

Week's Pledged Collections:

\$ 2,538.00

**Difference -\$ 614.90**

**Thank You!**

## STEWARDSHIP

*"...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord..." (Luke 2:22)*

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is "being Catholic" something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It's easy to be Catholic then, it's harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognise you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress, and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?

## **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***

Paul Taylor, Elizabeth Ann Rakowski, Teresita Gabriel Despacio, Fr Vincent Dwyer MSC, Fr Patrick Moloney MSC, Hedley Hodgetts, Richard Daniel Coad, Camden Cashion, Wilhelm Waiser, Charles Burnett, David Curtin, Josef Kremzer, Emilia Cisak, John Dwyer, Sydney Grubb, Amy Kennedy, Mary Brown, Ella Hoskins, Joan Etherington, Antoni Halys, Fr Robert Hyland MSC, Roger Cashion, Evelyn May Hope, Earla Poulson, Mollie Cooper, Antonia (Toni) Luxemborg, Beattie Jones, Editha Gabriel Malicdan, Graeme Bresnehan, Elizabeth Trojanowski, Francis Robert Young, Gavin Davey, Pawel Cichon, Kathleen D. McCabe, Vale Stanwix, Nancy Veronica Cullen, Stanislaw Czachor, Humphrey Beckitt, Grant Brazendale-Brooks, Susanne Brazendale, Emilia Gabriel Abueva, Helena Niemczyk, Lucy Frazik, Fr John Eldrigde MSC, Tess Triffett, Boleslawa Kempa, Stefan Adam Jedyka, Fr Adrian Meaney MSC, Michelle Ann White (Read) Jack Webster, Shirley Ethel May Thomas, Esmay Haney, Michael Noonan.

### ***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

*1st/2nd February, 2020*

### *The Presentation of the Lord Year A*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** (Cf Psalm 47:10-11)

Your merciful love, O God,  
we have received in the midst of your temple.

Your praise, O God, like your name,  
reaches the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**FIRST READING:** (Malachi 3:1-4)

The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.

**PSALM:** (Psalm 23:7-10)

Who is this king of Glory? It is the Lord!

**SECOND READING:** (Hebrews 2:14-18)

He had to be made like us in all things.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (Luke 2:32)

Alleluia!, Alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations,  
and the glory of your people, Israel.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** (Luke 2:22-40)

My eyes have seen your saving power.

## MASS TIMES

Monday 3rd to Sunday 9th February 2020

	<b>English</b>	<b>Polish</b>
Monday	9:15am	
Tuesday	<b>No Mass</b>	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/ROSTERS

*8th/9th February, 2020*

### *5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** (Psalm 94:6-7)

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

**FIRST READING:** (Isaiah 58:7-10)

Your light will shine like the dawn.

**PSALM:** (Psalm 23:7-10)

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

**SECOND READING:** (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (John 8:12)

Alleluia!, Alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
the man who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** (Matthew 5:13-16)

You are the light of the world.

**Saturday 6:30pm**

**Readers** Margaret Henderson,  
Daniel Watson

**Ministers** Gerry McGushin, Steve Randell

**Projector** Alec Avellana

**Sunday 9:00am**

**Readers** Brendan McManus, Tony Webb

**Ministers** Simone McManus,  
Maureen Pangrazzi

**Sick** Maureen Pangrazzi

**Projector** Melissa Philp

**Sunday 4:30pm**

**Readers** Colleen Rakowski, Bill Jacob

**Ministers** Carlene Larkin, Sue Beard

**Projector** Daniel Duharte

**Altar** Silpa Cherpanath & Bev White

**Cleaning** Kerrie Morrisby & Marj Smith

**Counters** Milagros Jacob & Aileen Watson