# 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 June, 2019 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - 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.

# FROM THE PASTOR

#### LISTENING TO CHRIST'S HEARTBEAT

How do you hear a heartbeat?

At the end of her novel, A Map of Glass, Jane Urquhart, has her heroine, Sylvia, recall how her father, a doctor, once gave her a toy stethoscope as a gift when she was a little girl. She was fascinated with it: "I loved the little silver bell at the end of the double hose, a bell I could place against my chest in order to listen to the drum, to the pounding music of my own complicated, fascinating heart."

Our hearts are complicated and fascinating and we'd all be gentler with ourselves and find our lives more interesting if we listened more regularly to their beat. That's also the secret in our relationship with Christ. We need to put a stethoscope to his heart and listen to its complex and fascinating rhythms. How do we do this?

In the Gospel of John we're given a mystical image for this. In John's account of the Last Supper, he has a disciple, whom he describes as "the one whom Jesus loved", reclining on the breast of Jesus. Obviously this connotes a deep intimacy, but it's also meant to convey something else. If you lean your ear on someone's chest you are able to hear that person's heartbeat and that sound eventually begins to gently reverberate throughout your own body.

So this is the image, the image of perfect discipleship for John: We are "the one whom Jesus loves" and we need to have our heads on Jesus' breast so as to hear his heartbeat and, from there, look out at the world. Being attuned to Christ's heartbeat and reclining in solace and intimacy on his breast will give us both the vision and the sustenance we need to live our lives as we should.

As we know, "the one whom Jesus loved" in John (historically this might have been John himself) is meant to refer to every one of us. Each of us is to be the "beloved disciple", the one who reclines on Jesus' breast in special intimacy. For John, this constitutes the very heart of discipleship and dwarfs everything else (charism, church office, even prophecy) in terms of what's important. Indeed, at the Last Supper, Peter (the pope, the leader of the church) cannot even talk to Jesus directly, but must ask his question through the "beloved disciple". That's John's way of saying that intimacy with Jesus is more important than any charism or leadership role.

And that's our call, to have the kind of intimacy with Christ that has us reclining on his breast, hearing his heartbeat, and looking out at the world from that perspective. But how do we do that practically?

To recline on Jesus' breast is not the image William Blake so brilliantly describes in his poem, Infant Sorrow, where fear and hurt suggest it's best "to sulk upon my mother's breast." In this case, our eyes are turned inward, or are closed, and what we are seeking is only comfort. John's image says something more.

His is an image of the intimacy of lovers, where the bond of intimacy offers deep comfort but also attunes one heart to the other in such a way that energy and strength flow out, first from the one who is doing the consoling and then from the one who is drawing that consolation.

The image works this way: We are to put our heads on Christ's breast, feel that intimacy, hear his heartbeat, be filled with the comfort of that, and then let the energy and strength we feel there flow out, through us, into the world. And that is meant to fill us with the vision and sustenance we need to live as we should.

In terms of vision: When we are listening to Christ's heartbeat and looking out at the world from there, we will see what it means to love purely, beyond ideology, beyond being liberal or conservative, beyond different schools of thought, and beyond our opinions and those of others. We will also have a vision of self-sacrifice, beyond our own comfort, own ambitions, and society's sincere, though shrunken, capacity to renounce pleasure and the immediate for something deeper and more meaningful long-range.

In terms of sustenance: When we are listening to Christ's heartbeat, feeling his comfort, and looking out at the world from there, we will also more easily find the strength to keep our hearts soft when everything beckons us to be hard, our tongues gentle when everything is gossip and slander, and ourselves aware of others' gifts when all around there is jealousy. We will more easily find the capacity to forgive despite our wounds, to live chastity inside an over-stimulated culture, to see beauty inside dram and duty, to see the sacred inside of the humdrum, and to remain aware of God's presence inside a godlessness that sometimes overwhelms us.

Our sensitivity must be a stethoscope that hears the beat of the complex and fascinating heart of Christ.

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI © In the Heart of Jesus Fr Mark Hanns 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 period of reflection before the Mass begins. We will begin by playing some music, 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**

#### **CONFIRMATION**

This weekend our Parish Candidates: Chloe, Jules, Annabelle, Daisy, Chloe, Chan Chan, Lance, Joshua, Lucas, Sophia, Priyanka and Mariusz are being Confirmed, we continue to pray for these Candidates.

#### **LEAVING COLLECTION**

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 for their living expenses. So far we have raised \$1,200.00 to assist the family. The children's family here, is seeking to obtain visas for the children to relocate to Australia, but these cost over \$1,200.00 per child.

#### **FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART**

The first meeting to prepare for the Feast of the Sacred Heart, was held on Tuesday evening. To help celebrate this feast over Friday, 28th – Sunday, 30th June, after each Mass, soup will be served. If you are able to assist or will be attending the Masses and staying for soup, please complete the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

#### **PLANNED GIVING**

The Parish is in the process of preparing to re-order for the new planned giving year. If you wish to be added to this list please complete the registration form in the foyer and return in the weekend collections.

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

The Craft group dates for remainder of 2019 are as follows:- 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. The group meets every fortnight from 1pm to 3pm in the Church Community Room of the Church. A shared afternoon tea is held, so bring a plate to share. All are welcome to come along.

# 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 <a href="https://www.catholicwomenspeak.com">www.catholicwomenspeak.com</a>

#### <u>CELEBRATION FOR THE LIFE OF</u> <u>IEAN VANIER</u>

A celebration of the life of Jean Vanier will be held on Saturday 15th June at St Therese's School/Parish Hall between 2:00pm - 4:00pm. If you are intending to attend please contact Mary Langdon or John Coleman on 03 6228 3920.

#### **WALK WITH CHRIST**

On Sunday, 23rd June 1:15pm to 3:00pm. Celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ by walking with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament through the city of Hobart. Be at St Joseph's Church (Harrington St) by 1.15pm, and walk with us to St Mary's Cathedral for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction concluding at 3:00. There will be a 'cuppa' afterwards. If you can't do the walk come to the Cathedral at 2:00 for prayer and Adoration. Experience our rich Catholic heritage in solidarity with Catholics all over the world and through the ages, by bearing public witness to our Lord and Saviour. Can't join in person? Prayer intentions written in the 'Book of Life' which is in your parish will be taken in the procession and presented at the Cathedral.



# AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF) - PERTH 6TH - 11TH DECEMBER 2019

The Archdiocese of Hobart has organised a pilgrimage to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Perth! The ACYF is a gathering of young people who come together to celebrate the joy and beauty of the Catholic faith in a setting that is vibrant and engaging. If you want to know more about the ACYF, visit the festival website below and check out the promo video: www.acyf.org.au. The "Hobart-Perth Pilgrimage" is open to all young people from year 9 to 30 years of age and will be held from 6-11 December. All students will need to register through their Catholic Colleges, whilst young adults between the ages of 18-30 can register at the website below: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/acyfhobart-to-perth-pilgrimage-registration-<u>62123542187</u>. For more information on the pilgrimage, please see the registration page or the poster in the church foyer.

#### **LIGHTHOUSE FESTIVAL**

All are invited to the annual Lighthouse event which this year will run for three consecutive Friday nights at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart for a time of prayer, praise, silent reflection, music, scripture and Mass. The nights will run all night from 5:30pm on Friday and end with 8am Mass on Saturday followed by a hot breakfast. The event is free and is an opportunity to pray together as one for our state and people; that Christ's light may shine through the darkness and in each of our hearts. You are free to attend at any time of the

night/morning for as long as you wish to stay. Lighthouse will run on Friday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019 at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart.



# IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP 25<sup>TH</sup> 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.

#### **ASCENSION**

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

The Easter Season is coming to an end. Again and again we have heard the central message of the gospel: The Lord is Risen. He has conquered death. This is the source of our hope.

Luke concludes his gospel where he had begun – in the Temple. Zechariah was unable to complete the blessing. He was struck dumb and unable to carry out his priestly task. Now Jesus completes it. The glorified Messiah gives the priestly blessing in its fullness. It is the blessing promised to Abraham: In your descendants all the families of the earth will be blessed. Throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus was living out his own 'exodus' and he completed the journey to Jerusalem that he had begun.

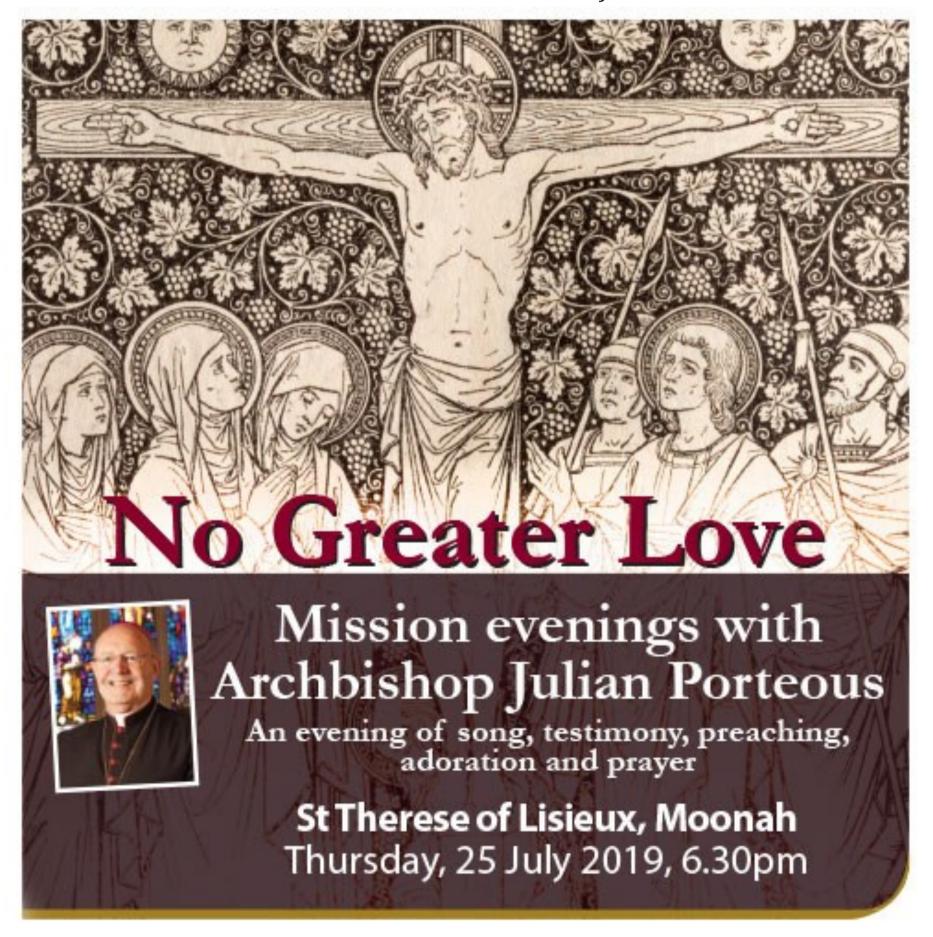
'While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.' So he no longer walked with his disciples. But they did not see that as a source of sadness. They rejoiced that he was the deeds and words of Jesus from the with his Father. At the same time, they rejoiced that he was with them every step of death to life. The disciples' first task then the way.

The disciples went back to Jerusalem. Their first task was to pray. In that way they were to come into closer contact with the risen Lord. They were to be the messengers of the Good News. Matthew and Mark concluded

with a sending of the disciples on mission. Luke devoted the whole of the Acts to that task. Here he was more intent on bringing the followers to closer union with the Risen Lord in prayer. Then they would be ready to carry out his mission.

The Gospels are not just telling the facts of Jesus' life. They are not simply an historical record. Rather they are an understanding of perspective of Easter, the passage from was not mission. It was to prepare for mission. Their mission began to flourish only when they became fully aware that Jesus was alive and active in all that they did.

Noel Mansfield, msc ©





#### **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Envelopes: \$ 1,371.45

Loose: \$ 1,013.75

TOTAL: \$ 2,385.20

Week's Budget Collections:

\$ 2,538.00

**Difference** -\$ 152.80

Thank You!

## **STEWARDSHIP**

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Revelations 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is a lifestyle; it should influence how I make all my daily decisions.

#### 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, Joshua Baric, Patty McDonald.

#### **LET US PRAY FOR**

### **Anniversaries**

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, Irena Krawczyk, Aldo Perri, Stanislawa Ozon, Dolly Webster, Saturnino Gabriel, Margaret (Peggy) Duggan, Mary Magdalene Coad, Fr Alan Guest, Zofia Michalewicz, Fr Mark McGuinness MSC, Irene Jedrzejczak, Fr Thomas Whitty, Shane Morrisby, Thomas Hutchinson, Hedley Tierney, Harold Blake, Fr Rudolph Lopez, Edward Podolski, George Brazendale, Thomas Robinson, Fr Alfred Finch, Julius Ots, Ellen Virth, Olga Smith, Eva Mary White, Dorothy Roehrs, Rosa de Cesare, Wladyslawa Belkner, Josephine M. Lockett, Gladys Bresnehan, Stanislawa Halys, Janina Z Kopaczynski, Pelagia Rakowski, Ron Gamble, Genowefa Grzorczyk, Shelagh Sonners, Nenita V. Zuchowicz, Graham Robert Williams, Aleksander Radziwon, Norman Direen, Keith Bradshaw, Thomas Kendal, Br Jack Higgins cf, Jim Dalton, Fr Michael Durkan, Maria Sianski, Christopher Dawes, Dorothy M. Ellott, Fr Dallas Cox, Lewis Johnson, Milton Maywood, Doris Higgins, Fr Aloysius English, Kelvin Baldock, Barney Curtain, Leonore Scanlon, Ronald James Munro, Beverley Dawn Morrisby, Colleen Pattison, Kathleen Johnson.

## **Recently Deceased**

Alma Dwyer (103), Kathleen Venn OAM, David Flanagan.

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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/safe -communities

#### **TOWARDS HEALING HELPLINE:**

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#### **PLENARY COUNCIL:**

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

### **READINGS**

#### 2nd June, 2019

### The Ascension of the Lord - Year C

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** (Acts 1:11)

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?

This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

#### FIRST READING: (Acts 1:1-11)

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

#### **PSALM:** (Psalm 46:2-3, 6-7, 8-9)

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

#### **SECOND READING:** (Ephesians 1:17-23)

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (Matthew 28:19, 20)

Alleluia!, Alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the

Alleluia!

world.

#### **GOSPEL**: (Luke 24:46-53)

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

# **MASS TIMES**

## Monday 3rd to Sunday 9th June 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 Sunday	6:30pm 9:00am 4:30pm	10:45am

## **READINGS/ROSTERS**

9th June, 2019 Pentecost Sunday - Year C

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** (Wisdom 1:7)

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

#### FIRST READING: (Acts 2:1-11)

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in different languages.

#### **PSALM:** (Psalm 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34)

Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

#### **SECOND READING:** (Romans 8:8-17)

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia!, Alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

#### **GOSPEL:** (John 14:15-16, 23-26)

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.

#### Saturday 6:30pm

**Readers** Nathan Shane, Phil Blake **Ministers** Ed Sianski, Steve Randell

**Projector** Volunteer

#### Sunday 9:00am

**Readers** Marty Ogle,

Peter van Loggerenberg

Ministers Rexine and Gerard Synnott

Sick Gerard Synnott
Projector Izak Hangan

#### **Sunday 4:30pm**

**Readers** Carlene Larkin, Bill Jacob **Ministers** Kerrie Morrisby, Carol Kitt

**Projector** Daniel Duharte

Altar Victoria Maty, Kieran Aherne,

Monica Sianski

**Cleaning** Fracalossi Family

**Counters** Goldie McGuinness &

Kerrie Morrisby