

# 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 September, 2018

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

HAPPY FATHERS DAY

## FROM THE PASTOR

### OUR STRUGGLE WITH RICHES

A number of years ago I attended a funeral. The man to whom we were saying goodbye had enjoyed a full and rich life. He'd reached the age of 90 and was respected for having been both successful and honest. But he'd always been a strong man, a natural leader, a man who took charge of things. He'd had a good marriage, raised a large family, been successful in business, and held leadership roles in various civic and church organisations. He was a man who commanded respect although he was sometimes feared for his strength.

His son, a priest, was presiding at his funeral. He began his homily this way: "Scripture tells us that seventy is the sum of a man's years, eighty for those who are strong. Now, our dad lived for ninety years. Why the extra ten years? Well, it's no mystery really. It took God an extra ten years to mellow him out! He was too strong and cantankerous to die at eighty! But during the last ten years of his life he suffered a series of massive diminishments. His wife died, he never got over that. He had a stroke, he never got over that. He had to be moved into an assisted living complex, he never got over that. All these diminishments did their work. By the time he died, he could take your hand and say: 'Help me'. He couldn't say that from the time he could tie his own shoelaces until those last years. He was finally ready for heaven. Now when he met St. Peter at the gates of heaven he could say: 'Help me!' rather than tell St. Peter how he might better organise things."

This story can help us understand Jesus' teaching that the rich find it difficult to enter the kingdom of heaven while little children enter it quite naturally. We tend to misunderstand both why the rich find it hard to enter the kingdom and why little children enter it more easily.

Why do little children enter the kingdom quite naturally? In answering this we tend to idealise the innocence of little children, which can indeed be striking. But that's not what Jesus is holding up as an ideal here, an ideal of innocence which for us adults is impossible in any case. It's not the innocence of children that Jesus praises; rather it's the fact that children have no illusion of self-sufficiency. Children have no choice but to know their dependence. They're not self-sufficient and know that they cannot provide for themselves. If someone doesn't feed them they go hungry. They need to say, and to say it often: "Help me!"

# FROM THE PASTOR

## (CONTINUED)

It's generally the opposite for adults, especially if we're strong, talented, and blessed with sufficient wealth. We easily nurse the illusion of self-sufficiency. In our strength we more naturally forget that we need others, that we're not self-reliant.

The lesson here isn't that riches are bad. Riches, be that money, talent, intelligence, health, good looks, leadership skills, or flat-out strength, are gifts from God. They're good. It's not riches that block us from entering the kingdom. Rather it's the danger that, having them, we will more easily also have the illusion that we're self-sufficient. We aren't. As Thomas Aquinas points out by the very way he defines God (as *Esse Subsistens – Self-sufficient Being*) only God does not need anyone or anything else. The rest of us do, and little children more easily grasp this than do adults, especially strong and gifted adults.

Moreover, the illusion of self-sufficiency often spawns another danger: Riches and the comfort they bring, as we see in the parable of the rich man who has a beggar at his door, can make us blind to the plight and hunger of the poor. That's one of the dangers in not being hungry ourselves. In our comfort, we tend not to see the poor.

And so it's not riches themselves that are bad. The moral danger in being rich is rather the illusion of self-sufficiency that seems to forever accompany riches. Little children don't suffer this illusion, but the strong do. That's the danger in being rich, money-wise or otherwise.

How do we minimise that danger? By being generous with our riches. Luke's Gospel, while being the Gospel that's hardest on the rich is also the Gospel that makes most clear that riches aren't bad in themselves. God is rich. But God is prodigiously generous with that richness. God's generosity, as we learn from the parables of Jesus, is so excessive that it's scandalous. It upsets our measured sense of fairness. Riches are good, but only if they're shared. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus praises the generous rich but warns the hoarding rich. Generosity is Godlike, hoarding is antithetical to heaven.

And so from the time we learn to tie our own shoelaces until the various diminishment of life begin to strip away the illusion of self-sufficiency, riches of all kinds constitute a danger. We must never unlearn the words: "Help me!"

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI ©

In the heart of Jesus

Fr Mark Hanns MSC

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**  
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Please pray for our Parish children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion on Sunday, 9th September 2018 at 9:00am. The dates for preparation meetings are:

- **Mass THIS** Sunday, 2nd September.
- **Practice THIS** Wednesday, 5th September. 6:00pm **in the Church**, for Parents and Communicants.
- **First Holy Communion Mass, NEXT Sunday**, 9th September, at 9:00am, for Parents, Communicants 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.

**LECTIO DIVINA**

On the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month Lectio Divina is held in the Ss Louis and Zelig Martin Parish Centre, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Chapel from 10:00am until 11:30am. All are welcome.

**SILENT MEDITATION**

On 10th and 24th September, 8th & 22nd October, 5th & 19th November Silent Meditation will be held. Starting promptly at 2:15pm until 3:00pm. To book call 03 6247 1307. All are welcome.

**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.

**NO RECONCILIATION SATURDAY**  
**8th SEPTEMBER**

Due to Fr Mark's absence on 8th September there will be no reconciliation on that day.

**OBEREK DANCE GROUP FATHER'S DAY**  
**CAKE STALL**

A cake stall will be held in the Community Room on after the 9:00am **(TODAY)** Sunday 2nd September (Father's Day) to raise funds for the Dance Group.

**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.

**THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC MISSIONS**

Catholic Missions wishes to thank the parish for their generous support, \$1,128.70 was raised across all Masses. A brochure is available in the foyer of the Church outlining where monies raised through Catholic Missions will be allocated in 2018/2019.

**SPRING HIGH TEA**

St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish Outreach committee is holding a Spring High Tea on the 15th September from 2:00pm – 4:30pm, in the Guilford Young College Glenorchy catering suite, \$15. Come and be tempted with delicious cakes, scones and pastries and hear Dr. Bridgette Watts share some of her experiences in Nepal. Silent auction, lucky door etc. All proceeds go to supporting students at Don Bosco Technical School, Biratnagar, Nepal. RSVP to [phillipsfelecia@hotmail.com](mailto:phillipsfelecia@hotmail.com) or mobile 0447 887 512 by 8th September.

### **JOHN WALLIS MEMORIAL LECTURE**

The 2018 John Wallis Memorial Lecture and supper will be held on Wednesday, 19th September at 7:00pm at Guilford Young College Hobart Campus Chapel. The theme is God, my family and other home truths. The guest speaker is Michael McGirr who is Dean of Faith at St Kevin's College, Melbourne and he is an essayist, reviewer, prize winning short story writer and teacher. Bookings are essential. To book contact Eva Dunn 0417 734 503 or email [eva.dunn@gmail.com](mailto:eva.dunn@gmail.com). A donation of \$10 or \$5 for concession card holders/students.

### **CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL STATE GATHERING**

The Theme of this year's CCR state gathering is Listening to the voice of God in our life and will be held from Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> - Sunday until 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at the Emmanuel Retreat Centre Newstead. Day or live-in registrations available. All welcome! For further information/flier please contact: Christine Smith 0422 832 712; Lyn Driessen 0408 385 360; or Di van Tienen 6227 1789/0447 350 379

### **ST THERESE'S SCHOOL FAIR**

The St Therese's School Fair will be held after Mass on Sunday 23rd of September, at 10am. The Fair Committee has been preparing another jam packed event, which you our parishioners are sure to enjoy. If you are in a position to donate any of the following, this will be very appreciative: Jams, chutneys, sauces, preserves (clearly listed with date made and list of ingredients); Plants – cuttings, bunches of flowers or established pots; Crafts – knitted, crochet or embroidered goods, anything handmade; Baked goods – cakes, biscuits, cupcakes, muffins, scones, slices etc. A full list of ingredients is needed, please no fresh cream; BRIC-A-BRAC, 2nd hand clothing, Books, Toys, Puzzles, Games, Kitchenware, DVD's, Board games, Console Games, Home Decor etc. We can provide trays for your baked goods and

tags for listing ingredients please just ask us. All donated items can be brought to the school either on the Saturday, 22nd between 9am and 2pm, or before Mass on Sunday, 23rd.

### **DIRECTED RETREAT AT MARYKNOLL**

This retreat is from 26th October to 4th November but each day is stand alone, so you may come for one day or as many days as you wish. The retreat will be led by Fr Peter Addicoat and Sr Margaret Henderson RMS. For a copy of the brochure please see the Archdiocesan website or contact Margaret on 0418 366 923 or [mm.henderson@bigpond.com](mailto:mm.henderson@bigpond.com).

### **PALMS AUSTRALIA**

*More to mission than meats the eye!* Right now, a Butcher is needed in Madang, Papua New Guinea; Meat this challenge: contact Christine on 02 9560 5333. For more opportunities, visit [www.palms.org.au/volunteer](http://www.palms.org.au/volunteer). Can't commit just yet? Check out [www.palms.org.au/encounters](http://www.palms.org.au/encounters).

### **WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMAGE**

#### **JANUARY 2019**

**LAST CALL FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY.** Tasmania is going to Panama! Millions of young people, eighteen days, two countries one faith... The Archdiocese has just finished developing Tasmania's pilgrimage to Panama and applications for the pilgrimage are officially open! We invite all young adults between the ages of 18-35 to consider what will surely be a once in a lifetime opportunity. The pilgrimage will include time in both Costa Rica and Panama City and will give you the opportunity to grow in your relationship with God and others. All the details of the pilgrimage including: cost, itinerary, registration, dates, highlights etc. can be found at [www.hobart.catholic.org.au](http://www.hobart.catholic.org.au) (click on WYD link) or if you have any questions, please email Tomasz at [youth@aohtas.org.au](mailto:youth@aohtas.org.au). Additionally, if you are interested please see Deacon Michael.

## **REFLECTION HUMAN CUSTOMS**

**(Deut 4:1-2.6-8; Jam 1:17-18.21-22.27;  
Mk 7:1-8.14-15.21-23)**

Today's Gospel is about Jewish customs. We need to learn from their mistakes. We often make up rules and regulations. When these have been in place for a couple of years, we say that is the 'traditional' way of doing things. Which is more important: To follow the teachings of Jesus or to make up our own set of petty regulations and call them the law? Moses told the people that the purpose of the law was "that you may have life." (Dt 4:1)

The Pharisees saw the disciples were eating with unwashed hands. The customs of the time regulated that people should wash up as far as their elbows before they sat down to eat food. Clearly these regulations had a reason behind them. We all know how important it is to wash our hands after we have been working out in the garden or doing some other messy job. The Jews had lived out in the desert for a long time. When they became settled and were no longer nomads, they had to change their ways of doing things. Once they began to lead a life where they grew crops and farmed animals, the customs changed to fit the circumstances. Too often a set of rules for desert living was kept long after the people had become farmers and merchants.

Jesus saw these rules and regulations as burdens laid on people's shoulders. He came to get rid of human traditions and practices that hindered a direct relationship with God. He was critical of his own religion and many of its practices. As his followers, we need to be critical of our own regulations and traditions, when these no longer serve their purpose, or even hinder the preaching of the Gospel.

Religion is meant to bind us back to God. But it can also become a means to allow rulers to lord it over their subjects. Rules can become destructive. 'This people honours me only

with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.' (Is 29:13) Only hearts open to God can make a difference. We need to open our hearts to God and listen to his word.

Fr Noel Mansfield, msc ©

## **VALE FR PETER WOOD MSC**

Fr Peter was on parish supply at Apollo Bay last weekend and did not turn up for Mass. He was found, collapsed, on the floor of his room. He was taken to Geelong hospital.



Steve Dives MSC Deputy Provincial writes: It is with great sadness that we inform you that our dear brother Peter Wood passed away very peacefully this on Wednesday afternoon at St. John of God Hospital, Geelong, Victoria. His two brothers and family surrounded him with love as he passed away.

We will advise when his Requiem Mass will be; at this stage it is intended to be at St Bede's North Balwyn Parish, Melbourne and burial at Douglas Park MSC cemetery.

Peter was born on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1941, a Melbourne boy. He did a degree in architecture and practised professionally in London. Later he would design the MSC community house at the Pacific Regional Seminary in Suva.

Peter worked as a lay missionary in Papua New Guinea, entered St Paul's National Seminary in 1972. He made his first vows on January 7th 1978 and was ordained in his home parish church of St Bede's Balwyn where his funeral Mass will be conducted.

In his 37 years of priesthood, Peter served in a wide range of ministries including in Darwin and Suva, heading the newly-established AIDS ministry in Melbourne and then in the NT. He was parish priest of Moonah, chaplain at Monivae and, in recent years, available for parish supply in the Ballarat diocese, based at Monivae. May he rest in peace.



## APPLY NOW FOR YEAR 7 2020

Join us for a tour of the Senior School

Tours commence at 9.15am on Thursday 6 September and Thursday 13 September. Bookings essential.

Please note, applications for Year 7 2020 close on Friday 14 September 2018.

To book a tour or request an enrolment pack, please contact Fiona: (E) [enrol@smc.tas.edu.au](mailto:enrol@smc.tas.edu.au) or (T) 6108 2560

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ST MARY'S  
COLLEGE

*One Love Beyond*

### 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

### STEWARDSHIP

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." JAMES 1:22

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship. The hard part is living it! What do you do to live God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

|                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Envelopes:                        | \$ 1,465.95        |
| Loose:                            | \$ 881.75          |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                     | <b>\$ 2,347.70</b> |
| <u>Week's Budget Collections:</u> | <u>\$ 2,538.00</u> |
| <b>LOSS</b>                       | <b>-\$ 190.30</b>  |

**Thank You!**



**Plenary Council 2020**  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

not, what are you waiting for?

### PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.  
 Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.  
 O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.  
 Give us the grace to see your face in one another and recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.  
 Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.  
 Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,  
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the  
journey from age to age.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.  
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

## **LET US PRAY FOR**

### ***The Sick***

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

### ***Anniversaries***

*Piotr Dabrowski, Fr William McCarthy,  
Hildegard Siksnius, Fr Lawrence Bayliss,  
Neville Bresnehan, Richard Voss,  
Lillian White, Theo van de Kamp,  
Lillian Ann Butler, Hugh Sullivan,  
Robert Jeffrey Wood, Leslie Coad,  
Anthony Lee Cordwell, Verna Read,  
Mary Christina Watson, Richard John Button,  
Boleslaw Adamus, Ian McAleesa,  
Fr Robert Dando, Charles M. Walters,  
Sabatino Porretta, Kathleen J. Triffitt,  
Stanley John Halton, Fr John McManus,  
Jack Virth, Jean Marie Scanlon, Ilona Toth,  
Gail Sportelli, Mollie Ryan, Terence Tuttle,  
Fr George Taylor, Luca Sportelli,  
Francis Malone, Jadwiga Wasilewski,  
Jack Maywood, Patricia O'Keeffe,  
Jane Robinson, Freda Allen, Josef Korytkowski,  
John Edward Coad, Fr Patrick McGuane,  
Elsie Mackie, Ludwig Kopanski,  
Antoni Pogorzelski, Maria de Groot,  
Virginia Hills, Jack de Groot,  
Margaret Cashion, Antinio Gabriel,  
Mary Jean Davey, Rosalie Armstrong,  
Alfred Monaghan, Audrey Lyons,  
Priscilla Celia Gabriel Salas,*

*Allenby James Salter, Fr Henry Reid,  
John R. Nolan, Vera Madej, Robert Malm,  
John Manning.*

### ***Recently Deceased***

*Antonia Ross (Fr Richard Ross' Mother),  
Fr Peter Wood MSC*

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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)

## **TOWARDS HEALING HELPLINE:**

*Phone: 1800 356 613*

## READINGS

*2nd September, 2018*

*Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary  
Time - Year B*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you  
all the day long.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of mercy to all who call to you.

### FIRST READING: (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8)

You may add nothing to the word which I  
speak to you—keep the commands of the  
Lord.

### PSALM: (Psalm 14:2-5)

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

### SECOND READING: (James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27)

Be doers of the word.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of  
truth,  
that we might be as the first fruits of his  
creation.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

You forget the commandments of God and  
hold on to human tradition.

## MASS TIMES

Monday 3rd to Sunday 9th September  
2018

|           | <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<br>4:30pm | 10:45am       |

## READINGS/ROSTERS

*9th September, 2018*

*Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary  
Time - Year B*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is  
right;

treat your servant in accord with your  
merciful love.

### FIRST READING: (Isaiah 35:4-7)

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and  
the tongues of the dumb speak.

### PSALM: (Psalm 145:7-10)

Praise the Lord, my soul!

### SECOND READING: (James 2:1-5)

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to  
inherit the kingdom?

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: (Mark 7:31-37)

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

### Saturday 6:30pm

*Readers Gerry McGushin, Shane Poulson*

*Ministers Steve Randall, Debbie Large*

*Projector Anne Thuringer*

### Sunday 9:00am

*Readers Tony Webb, Brendan McManus*

*Ministers Simone McManus, Paul de Groot*

*Sick Paul de Groot*

*Projector Eva Hangan*

### Sunday 4:30pm

*Readers Colleen Rakowski,*

*Cameron Brown*

*Ministers Rexine & Gerard Synnott*

*Projector Kerrie Morrisby*

*Altar Silpa Cherpanath & Bev White*

*Cleaning Rexine & Gerard Synnott*

*Counters David Devereux & Joe Higgins*