

# St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish

## Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

### Sunday 3rd December, 2017

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A



## FROM THE PASTOR

### CHRIST, COMMERCE & RE-CLAIMING THE CHARISM OF CHRISTMAS.

A friend informed me recently that one of the major department stores had begun its Christmas advertising and selling of Christmas wares by early October! Television and print advertising has rolled out a tireless campaign of promoting the consumption of Christmas gifts, and all of this is lubricated with references to and images of Santa Claus, elves and reindeer and a liberal dose of magical glitter in the images. The shops are selling Christmas cards with Season's Greetings on them, pictures of snow-men, sleighs, Santa and decorations on trees. The Australian ones have pictures of Santa wearing red shorts and thongs with a sleigh pulled by kangaroos and come to rest on a beach or at an outback fireplace by a billabong. It's playful and it's home-grown.

Yet if you want to want to present a religious Christmas card to your friends and relatives on your mailing list you need to hunt and search for a supply, as a religious theme is something of a rare, quaint curiosity to many now. Some stores will not have any religious display for fear that "it might offend" some people.

Yet the original Santa was a Christian saint who suffered for his faith in Jesus Christ during Roman persecutions. St Nicholas, the original Santa, was a Greek born 280 years after Christ who became bishop of Myra, a small Roman town in modern Turkey. Nicholas was neither fat nor jolly but developed a reputation as a fiery, wiry, and defiant defender of church doctrine during the "Great Persecution," when Bibles were put to the torch and priests made to renounce Christianity or face execution.

Nicholas defied these edicts and spent years in prison before Constantine liberated Christianity in his empire. Nicholas' fame lived long after his death (on December 6 of some unknown year in the mid-fourth century) because he was associated with many miracles, and reverence for him continues to this day independent of his Santa Claus connection.

Nicholas became known as a patron of children and magical gift bringer because of two great stories from his life. In the better-known tale, three young girls are saved from a life of prostitution when young Bishop Nicholas secretly delivers three bags of gold to their indebted father, which can be used for their dowries. The other story is not so well known now but was enormously well known in the Middle Ages. Nicholas raised three deceased children back to life. (This is abbreviated. The fuller version is quite gruesome). That's one of the things that made him the patron saint of children.

# **FROM THE PASTOR**

## **(CONTINUED)**

From about 1200 to 1500 AD, St. Nicholas was the unchallenged bringer of gifts and the toast of celebrations centred around his day, December 6. The strict saint took on some aspects of earlier European deities, like the Roman Saturn or the Norse Odin, who appeared as white-bearded men and had magical powers like flight. He also ensured that kids toed the line by saying their prayers and practising good behaviour. And there is much more to this edited story of the evolution of Santa which you can read in

<https://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2013/12/131219-santa-claus-origin-history-christmas-facts-st-nicholas/> .

The point of writing this, though, is that Christmas today has been hijacked by secular commercialism. The birth of Christ has largely been airbrushed out of this celebration in His honour. Santa has been secularised from being the faithful Christian saint bringing gifts to liberate poor children, to being exploited to become the facilitator of first-world overindulgence in goods that we don't need. These days much public discussion is centred around the "huge boost to the economy" that is expected at Christmas, especially in the last-minute rush to the shops, and in the hyena-like descent upon the shops on "bargain" boxing day. This holiday, too, has been stolen from us to fatten the coffers of corporations. ABC journalist, Craig Reucassel, has highlighted the extraordinary, even unimaginable waste of clothing and other products that we in first-world Australia discard, in his series, *The War on Waste*. Commercial Christmas exacerbates the problem.

No-one would deny that children need to be given a gift at Christmas. It makes them feel special. It is an expression of love for them. And they feel special when they give a gift to another, too. Yet being over-indulged with too many gifts will spoil them. I saw in my own family, when the nieces and nephews were very young, the frenzy of ripping mountains of presents open with the resultant decrease in appreciation for any of them. We changed the way we adults gave them presents the following year, reducing the number, and their appreciation was healthier. Our overindulgence on ourselves corrodes our souls.

We can choose not to buy into this commercialisation of Christmas. Wouldn't we be reclaiming the true spirit of Christmas if we put the worship of Christ at the centre, and we then expressed our worship of Him in the provision of gifts and care for the most disadvantaged, the least fortunate. Imagine the joy that we would give and receive if we gifted a charity with the value of the gift that we would have received from our loved ones. We and our loved ones could agree to do this.

In the Heart of Christ and the Spirit of Christmas  
Fr Mark MSC

# **PARISH NOTICES**

## **CHRISTMAS MASS TIME 2017**

### **Mass of Contemplation**

Friday 22nd December 7:00pm

Saturday 23rd December 6:30pm (Vigil)

Sunday 24th December 9:00am  
10:45am (Polish)  
**NO MASS** 4:30pm

**Children's Vigil Mass** 6:30pm  
9:00pm  
Midnight  
(Polish)

Monday 25th December 9:00am  
10:45am

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

Sacramental preparation for FIRST RECONCILIATION has commenced. Please pray for our Parish children who are preparing for First Reconciliation on Thursday, 7th December 2017 at 6:30pm. The dates for preparation meetings are:

- For Parents and Children - **THIS Sunday, 3rd December**; 9:00am Mass and at approx. 10:15am in the Saints Louis & Zelig Martin Parish Centre – 3rd Workshop.
- **Thursday, 7th December** First Reconciliation at 6:30pm in the Church.

## **ACYF FUNDRAISING RAFFLE**

This Weekend we will be running a raffle to support our pilgrims going to ACYF. Tickets will be \$1 each or 3 for \$2, available at each Mass and drawn at 4:30pm Mass on Sunday 10th December. We have four prizes. 1st Prize 2018 Season Ticket for Playhouse Theatre; 2nd & 3rd Prize Crochet Rugs & 4th Prize Family Pool Pass Hobart Aquatic Centre.

## **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & ROSARY**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Friday after the 12 noon Mass until 5:00pm. The Rosary is prayed between 4:00pm - 5:00pm in the Chapel in the Parish Centre.

## **CHRISTMAS CHRONICLE 2017**

Our Christmas Chronicle will be published ready for all to enjoy again this year. If you would like to contribute articles, short stories, Christmas Recipes or anything you consider may be of interest to our parishioners please email or give copy to Deacon Michael Hangan: [moonahlutana@aohtas.org.au](mailto:moonahlutana@aohtas.org.au) or Monica Sianski: [esianski@bigpond.com](mailto:esianski@bigpond.com).

## **ST THERESE'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

St Therese's Catholic School has organised a Christmas Giving Tree, where a tag can be taken from the Giving Christmas Tree in the Church foyer and then the gift listed (e.g. Girl 5 years, or food item) can be purchased, wrapped and returned to the basket in the Church foyer. Additional food items (unwrapped) can be provided and placed into the basket as well. All donations will be distributed prior to Christmas.

## **VINNIES 2016 CHRISTMAS APPEAL PARISH COLLECTION WEEKEND**

This appeal will be held on **next weekend**. The Vinnies Christmas Appeal makes a real difference to the lives of the thousands of Tasmanians who are assisted each year. The Vinnies Christmas Appeal helps so many people, and your support for the 2017 Christmas Appeal Weekend Collection will assist many. Donations may be placed in the appeal envelopes located on the pews, which the parish will then forward on to Vinnies office for receipting. Once again thank you.

## VOLUNTEER MINISTERIES

With the holiday period over December/January the rosters for Communion Ministers and Lectors will not be operating. Volunteers are sought during this time. If you would like to assist the Parish during this time please add your names to the sheets located in the foyer.

## PARISH MEMORIAL BOOK

Our Parish Memorial Book is about to be updated. Please forward the names of family members whom you would like included, to Deacon Michael, before 21st December.

## THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

You are invited to join a group of like-minded people, who are thinking about becoming Catholic. We meet most Thursday evenings in the Chapel in the Parish Centre at 7:00pm. If you are interested please see Fr Mark.

## L'ARCHE AUSTRALIA "SHARE A MEAL"

L'Arche Australia's main fundraising event is 'Share a Meal'. This is a wonderful exciting opportunity to support L'Arche. As a community we will be hosting a "Share a Meal" for L'Arche Australia in August 2018. If you are able to assist with the planning of this event please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the church foyer.

## MELI MELO CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Meli Melo Choir presents their Christmas concert in support of the Don Bosco Technical School, Biratnagar, Nepal at 2.30pm on 9 December in St. John's church, Bowden Street, Glenorchy. The varied concert features Alpine and French Horn ensembles, choral and solo performances. Come along and enjoy an afternoon of Christmas music while at the same time supporting students at the Technical School. Entry is by donation and includes light refreshments. Contact Jo 0419 510 014.

## CAROLS ON THE HILL - 17 DECEMBER 2017 - GYC OVAL BARRACK ST, HOBART

Tickets for the inaugural Archdiocese of Hobart's Carols on the Hill are now available to order online. Supported by the City of Hobart, Carols on the Hill is a free, traditional outdoor carols event specifically designed for families to share in the joyful spirit of Christmas. The event will be staged at the Hobart campus of Guilford Young College on Sunday, December 17 from 7pm to 9pm, with gates opening at 6pm. The oval is secure and can comfortably hold around 1200 people, making it an ideal venue for families with children. Compered by Tasmanian-born speaker and author Sam Clear, Carols on the Hill will feature local group and individual performances, as well as community carol singing. The lighting of candles as dusk descends on the city is sure to make for a memorable carols event. The Catholic Education Giving Tree will offer people the opportunity to donate non-perishable food items to support those in need this Christmas, and families are invited to light a candle and say a prayer at the nativity scene. **How to order your tickets:** Entry to Carols on the Hill is free; however, attendees must order tickets through an official website. A valid email address is required to order tickets.

- Individuals can order up to a maximum of six (6) tickets.
- A single general admission ticket must be reserved for each & every attendee (adults & children).
- Tickets are free. There are no costs involved when ordering tickets.
- You can choose to receive tickets by email that require printing, or electronic tickets delivered to your smart phone or tablet.
- Tickets are available once you accept the event Terms & Conditions on the ticketing website.

**To reserve your tickets, go to [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au) and enter 'Carols on the Hill' as your search criteria.**

The Catholic Archdiocese of Hobart invites you to attend the inaugural

# Carols on the hill

Sunday 17 December

Guilford Young College Oval  
Patrick Street, Hobart  
7 - 9.00pm



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## THE WAY TO ST JAMES (CYGNET)

### THE CAMINO OF THE SOUTH

After the successful pilgrimage in 2017, it is announced that the 2018 pilgrimage will be held on 12-13 January 2018. 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. To find out more or to book visit [www.waytostjames.com.au](http://www.waytostjames.com.au) or take a flyer from the church foyer.

## IMMACULATA MISSION SCHOOL

1st-10th Jan 2018, HOBART, Tasmania "To know God, to love God, to make God known"  
**What?** An awesome opportunity to grow in faith & fellowship! Featuring talks on the faith, daily Mass, fellowship, prayer times and lots of fun. **Who?** 15-35 year old  
**Where?** Jane Franklin Hall, South Hobart, Tasmania **Cost:** \$410 (all-inclusive of accommodation, meals & activities).

**Contact:** 0406 372 608 or

[immaculatamissionschool@gmail.com](mailto:immaculatamissionschool@gmail.com)

**To register or for more info:**

<http://sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims-2018>.

## 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 April 8th – 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing [info@griegtograceaus.org.au](mailto:info@griegtograceaus.org.au) or phone 0407704539. For more information visit [www.griegtograce.org](http://www.griegtograce.org)

## RACHEL'S VINEYARD

**Rachel's Vineyard** has helped many men and women to move on with hope. You are not alone, there is hope after an abortion experience. To speak to someone please call Anne Sherston on the confidential phone lines 03 62298739 or 0478599241.

## 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.

## STEWARDSHIP

“Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come.” - **MARK 13:33**

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time - our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to what God is saying to you.

### RECENTLY BAPTISED

Sophie Louise Zantuck-Murzecki,  
Aria Helena Edwards,  
Stella Dorothy Edwards, Eva Renae Hasson,  
Harry Paul Cripps.

### JOSEPHITE CALENDARS

A number of copies of the 2018 Josephite Calendar will be arriving shortly. The cost per calendar is \$8.50.



### THE ADVENT WREATH AND CANDLES

‘Advent wreathes are a tradition used to mark the four weeks of Advent. Its usual form is an horizontal evergreen wreath holding four candles. Each week a candle is lit. The underlying symbolism is that the accumulation of light is an expression of the growing anticipation of the birth of Jesus Christ who is the light of the world. Three of the candles are violet-coloured to symbolise faithful expectation and the one rose candle symbolises joy and hope. Finally, the circular wreath represents God’s eternal love which has no beginning or end.’

From the Catholic Enquiry Centre

<http://www.catholickenquiry.com>.

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VOTE **1** for ALDERMAN

**Michael Hangan**

wants transparency and accountability  
at Glenorchy City Council.

- ✓ Is a resident of Glenorchy;
- ✓ Is a Father of 4 Children; and
- ✓ Has 20 years experience in Local Government;
- ✓ Is focused on the Community.

**TEAM KRISTIE**

“A team of independent candidates united by common values, to give the community their voice back and to see Council put the community’s best interest first.”

Authorised by Michael Hangan  
19 Atherton Avenue, WEST MOONAH 7009

## **LET US PRAY FOR**

### ***The Sick***

*Tara Radcliffe, Thanh Huynh,  
Shirley Lehner, Susan Wilson,  
Fr Peter Nicholls, Josh Stokes, Maria Di Noia,  
Lise Levaque, Mary Hughes, Drina Paradzik,  
Pauline Brown, Jay Jennings, Olga Woods,  
Tony Dalton, Elsa Bazan, Bev Murray,  
Hon Dr Vanessa Goodwin MLC,  
Kayden Edwards, Marie Morrisby,  
Marian Zieba, Alan O'Rourke,  
Lorna Brazendale, Natasha Gutteridge.*

### ***Anniversaries***

*William Henry Hinds, John Aiken,  
Eileen Hardinge, 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, 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, Wladyslaw Dorzdz,  
Geoffrey Brazendale, Hermino Gabriel,  
Nellie Cashion, Anna Catharina Stokman,  
Eileen Hardinge Anna Balazs,  
Wasył Haluszek, Harold Vivian Halton,  
Jan (John) Rakowski, Susane Hansch,  
Jean Mary Round, Michael Duggan,  
Nancy Mackey, Aleksander Cisak,  
Pauline Sikora..*

### ***Recently Deceased***

*David Roberts.*

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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*

## **TRUTH JUSTICE & HEALING**

### **COUNCIL:**

<http://www.tjhcouncil.org.au>

## READINGS

*2nd / 3rd December, 2017*

*First Sunday of Advent—Year B*

### 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: (Isaiah 63:16 - 17; 64:1, 3 - 8)

Oh, that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

### PSALM: (Psalm 79:2 - 3, 15 - 16, 18 - 19)

Lord, make us turn to you,  
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

### SECOND READING: (1 Corinthians 1:3 - 9)

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Psalm 84:8)

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: (Mark 13:33 - 37)

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

## MASS TIMES

Monday 4th to Sunday 10th December  
2017

	<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

*9th / 10th December, 2017*

*Second Sunday of Advent—Year B*

### 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: (Isaiah 40:1 - 5; 9 - 11)

Prepare the way of the Lord.

### PSALM: (Psalm 84:9 - 14)

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

### SECOND READING: (2 Peter 3:8 - 14)

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Luke 3:4, 6)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: (Mark 1:1 - 8)

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

### Saturday 6:30pm

*Readers* Phil Blake, Gerry McGushin

*Ministers* Steve Randell, Eva Hangan

*Projector* Alec

### Sunday 9:00am

*Readers* Tony Webb Annie Brush

*Ministers* Paul de Groot, Phyllis Nicoll

*Sick* Paul de Groot

*Projector* Melissa Philp

### Sunday 4:30pm

*Readers* John Kitt, Peter Flint

*Ministers* Carol Kitt, Carlene Larkin

*Projector* Eva Hangan

*Altar* Bev White

*Cleaning* Rexine & Gerard Synnott

*Counters* Marie Anders, Kaye Wood