

St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish



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St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

Sunday, 3rd March, 2019

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

FROM THE PASTOR

THE PELL VERDICT

As this verdict against Cardinal George Pell has now emerged, many people among us will be feeling deeply painful emotions. Our hearts are with all those who are survivors of sexual abuse and we continue to pray for them and their families, and also for those who have not survived. Many people are outraged at the apparent betrayal of trust at the highest church office in the country by one who ascended to even higher office in the Vatican. This comes in the wake of the dismissal from the clerical state (defrocking) of Cardinal McCarrick of Washington DC for his crimes of sexual abuse of children and soliciting of adults. No doubt these revelations will cause deep confusion and shake the ground on which many people of faith stand, and some may wonder why they would be part of such a church. The entire tragic revelation of betrayal of trust in the church by members who were supposed to be the epitome of trustworthiness has left many people wondering where they stand with their faith. I would like to cautiously and humbly reaffirm this... that our faith is in Jesus Christ. In spite of the failings of members of the institution, Jesus is the living Christ, crucified and risen, who speaks to each of us today. He himself had an uncertain group of immediate followers, one of whom betrayed him, one of whom denied he knew him, and others who lost courage. He calls us to integrity, and he calls us to keep faith in him even when these representatives betray him and us. We are the church! We are the people of God despite some Judas Iscariots among us. Wherever human beings are, there will be sin. Yet there will also be saints, too. These events and this time is a purging. That purification gives me hope for the future.

Many of us may need an opportunity to air our feelings about all this and pray together. We will have a forum for this on this coming Thursday evening, 7th March at 7.00 pm in the Community Room at the back of the church. If numbers demand it we will move over to the Hall.

Archbishop Chris Prowse has written a pastoral letter: <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/pastoral-message-from-archbishop-christopher-prowse-regarding-cardinal-george-pell/#more>

<https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/church-leaders-pray-for-survivors-write-to-faithful/#more-7857>

Fr Frank Brennan SJ has written a comprehensive article published in *Eureka Street*, which can be accessed here: <https://www.eurekastreet.com.au/article/truth-and-justice-after-the-pell-verdict>.

In the wake of all this I have reproduced (below) a submission I made to the Plenary Council. I believe it is pertinent to the moment.

In the Heart of Christ, Fr Mark MSC

FROM THE PASTOR

ECCLESIAL POWER

The Australian Royal Commission Into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has helped to shine a light on the Catholic Church's system of governance and its inadequacies. The clericalised structures have been shown to be prone to corruption. Left to itself, the church would not have engaged in any thorough examination or reform of itself. It took the institutions of State to bring the church leadership to account. What this indicates is that there is an urgent need to reform the structures of power in the church so that lay people, and especially women, share real power at every level of governance, especially at the top levels, that there be a more democratic input into church governance. The system of absolute power of bishops is unsatisfactory in an advanced age where in the wider world among the advanced nations, power is vested in various levels of society. Since the conviction of Cardinal George Pell in December and the lifting of the media ban on Tuesday last, legal commentators have advocated that the church needs an independent office like the Attorney-General's office. The church needs an instituted system of checks and balances on power.

Presently, the church is structured in a mediaeval monarchical system. Bishops are still referred to as "Princes" of the church. The power structures have unaccountability structured into them, all power being at the top of this monarchical system. Checks and balances on this power come from outside the church only when criminality is suspected or established, as evinced by the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse. However, non-criminal abuse can be, and is exercised in the church.

A more democratic structuring of the church needs to be established with checks and balances which resemble the best institutions of the secular democracies.

The mediaeval practices such as the kissing of the Bishop's Ring, mediaeval trappings such as the Cappa Magna and other such ostentation, mediaeval titles such as Your Eminence, Your Grace, My Lord, and even the title of the Bishop's Palace all need to be discontinued and relegated to the pages of history. The people need to be recognised as brothers and sisters among a pilgrim people who are baptised in Christ and gifted with the Holy Spirit, and not treated as subjects who are expected to be docile.

Fr Mark Hanns MSC

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 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.

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PROJECT COMPASSION

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OPPORTUNITY FOR HEALING

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RENTAL NEEDED

House Rental needed for Catholic Refugee Family who are Humanitarian Entrants from Iraq via Lebanon (2 adults, 3 children aged 16+, 3 bedrooms), arriving 3 April. Short term rental, or long term. Contact Br Sean McManus 0417 136 640 or email seantmcmamus@yahoo.com

13 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Fr Brian Nichols will be accompanying a Harvest Journeys tour of places of religious significance including Rome, Montecassino, Assisi, Siena, Florence and more. The tour departs on 13 May 2019. The cost per person will be in the range of \$5,000 to \$6,000. For full details, contact sandybay@aohtas.org.au

COMMISSIONING OF PPC

This weekend at each of the Masses we will commission the members of PPC.



ST PATRICK'S PILGRIMAGE

The annual St Patrick's Pilgrimage walk from Richmond to Colebrook will be held on 16-17 March 2019. This overnight pilgrimage will offer a chance to journey, reflect, pray, sing, chat and spend some quality time with other pilgrims and with God. You are sure to enjoy both the serenity of the walk and the fellowship of the pilgrims journeying with you. The pilgrimage is open to young people between the ages of 16-35 and costs \$55 which covers lunch, breakfast and dinner meals. For more information or to register, visit eventbrite.com.au and search "St Patrick's Pilgrimage".

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CRAFT SHOP

The Catholic Women's League Craft shop has re-opened. The shop is located at 16 Criterion Street Hobart and is open from Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm. If you are looking for a unique gift, come and see what is available.

MSC RETREATS

A number of retreats are available during the Lenten period. These retreats will be held at St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre Douglas Park. Further details can be obtained by contacting the Retreat Centre on 02 4630 0233 or emailing contact@towersretreat.org.au or visit the website: <http://towersretreat.org.au>.

Douglas Park offers a relaxed and tranquil time to spend time with God. Below are a listing of the retreats on offer.

- 8 Day Directed Retreat- **8-16 March** \$920 – 8 Days – This retreat is a time of profound silence, interiority and stillness. Your Spiritual Director (sometimes called a Prayer Companion) will support you to be sensitive to what God is doing and encourage you to follow God's promptings.
- One Day Retreat: **Sat 9 March** "A taste of Silence" Michelle Vass: Cost \$90 for presentation, lunch and spiritual direction session. (\$60 BYO lunch). This day retreat seeks to provide a taste of the experience of silence and how we are called to live from that silent place deep within, through all the activities of our day.
- 6 Day Retreat – **22-28 March** "Meditations on the Letter to the Hebrews" Fr Michael Fallon msc: \$690 (prayer weekend 22-24 Mar \$230). Let the scriptures lead you to new understandings of Jesus, who fulfils in his person all God's promises and who draws us to himself and shares with us his own intimate communion with God.
- 6 Day Retreat – **29 Mar – 4 April** "Trinity-Heart of our Desiring" Sr Colleen Rhodes rsm: \$690 (prayer weekend 29-31 Mar \$230). We will explore ways of encountering the Trinity in our everyday life, with prayerful reflection on the Triune God whose flowing life constantly draws us to share in the energy of God's love.

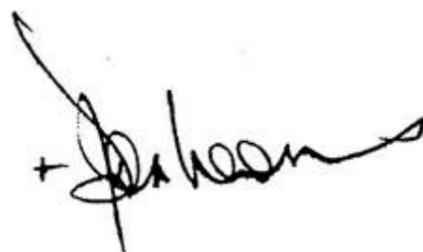
PASTORAL RESPONSE

ARCHBISHOP JULIAN PORTEOUS

Dear friends, this week the lifting of the suppression order concerning Cardinal George Pell's trial and the sustained media focus has made for a challenging time for the Catholic Church in Tasmania. We will all have different ways of both responding to this news and making sense of it.

For some it heralds another chapter in the already painful journey that Catholics have been a part of over the last few years. Some of us may feel upset and saddened by the news. Some of us may just feel very weary about the way our Church is being portrayed in the media. There are those in our community who have been abused and the story touches on and may re-open already raw wounds.

On this Sunday we pray that God will continue to be with us as we search to understand, accept and acknowledge the challenges of our times. We hold in our thoughts and prayers all those who have suffered abuse within the Church.



Julian Porteous DD
Archbishop of Hobart
Archdiocese of Hobart

WHAT FILLS YOUR HEART?

LUKE 6:39-45

In our age when words are getting cheaper, today's Word of God challenges us to regain the power of the spoken and written word. We are also challenged to see Jesus as the "Word" of God. To give your word is to give your own self. That is what God has done for us. God has given us Jesus, the Son, as the final and definitive word.

Images and parables are drawn from everyday life to make the teaching very direct and immediate. We hear the lesson of

the sieve that strains out the rubbish, the potter's kiln that tests the potter's skill, the orchard where trees are judged by the fruit they bear. It is so easy to see the defects in someone else and yet remain unaware of our own defects.

'Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and not notice the plank in your own?' Jesus calls these people hypocrites. He attacks pretence. It is so easy to be critical of others and condemn them. We are being asked to look more closely at ourselves. We need to observe just how blind we can be to our own faults. All the places, people and things around us can speak to us and reveal God to us – if only we have eyes to see and ears to hear.

Jesus came to transform our common human values. These parables reinforce the message in Jesus' sermon that we have heard over the past couple of weeks. They are directed to the disciples and speak of their ministry to the poor and the hungry, to the sad and the despised.

The final statement goes to a person's heart. We are being asked to look into our own hearts and discover ourselves. This is

reflected in Ecclesiasticus: "The defects of a man appear in his talk. ... Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men." What have you discovered about yourself? Are you prepared to be judged by the words that flow out of your own heart?





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

would love to hear from you before then. To do so visit <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/> to learn how you can get involved.

During Lent, we will join the Catholic Community in prayerful preparation for Easter, and at Pentecost (June 9th) we will launch the Listening and Discernment stage and announce the national themes for discernment which have emerged from the Listening and Dialogue responses.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 - THREE DAYS TO GO

More than 68,000 people have engaged with the Plenary Council during the Listening and Dialogue stage. As this comes to a close, there's still three weeks for you to contribute your story, your experience of faith, Church and God in your life to help to shape the Plenary Council agenda. The Listening and Dialogue stage will close on Ash Wednesday (March 6th, 2019). We



STEWARDSHIP

*“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.”
(Luke 6:43)*

Are you using your God-given gifts in the way God intended? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 1,516.50
Loose: \$ 782.25
TOTAL: \$ 2,298.75

Week's Budget Collections:
\$ 2,538.00

Loss \$ 239.25

Thank You!

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, Glad van de Kamp.

Anniversaries

Emilia Gabriel Abueva, Helena Niemczyk, Fr John Eldridge MSC, Tess Triffett, Boleslawa Kemp, Stefan Adam Jedyka, Esmay Haney, Michelle Ann White (Read), Jack Webster, Shirley Etjel May Thomas, Michael Noonan, Grace Phyllis Dance, Karol Michalowski, Elaine Voss, Ieva Andrikonis, Bert de Groot, Stephen Horne, David Blake, Thelma Dalton, Bertram Williams, Bridget Beckwith, Fr Harold Bridgwood, Margaret Mills, Benjamin Bresnehan, Tara-Ann Radcliffe, Pauline Krushka Brown, Irene Scanlon, Margaret Monaghan, Max Watson, Elvie J. Keenan, Denis Francis Duggan, Marj Symmons, Denis Henry Scanlon, Marion Keenan, Stefan R. Zelek, Walenty Bodel, Ingrid Leszczynski, Laurie Belcher, Leokadia Sadkowski, Wladyslaw Osuckowski, Giuseppe Cugino, Rex Graham Morrisby, Marjorie Williams, Joanne Maree Read, Pauline Watts, Lawrence Triffett, Frank Brown, John Skaraupa, Jan Cisak, Wladyslaw Gniadek, Paul Krizanovic, Bertram Williams, Mary Monaghan, Aloisy Kempa, Bridget Beckwith, William Clare, Lola Hutchinson OAM, Belle Ayton.

Recently Deceased

Antonia Tria, Gwen Joyce (Debbie Large's mum).

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PLENARY COUNCIL:

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

READINGS

2nd/3rd March, 2019

*Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time -
Year C*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

FIRST READING: (Sirach 27: 4-7)

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

PSALM: (Psalm 91:2-3, 13-16)

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING: (1 Corinthians 15:54-58)

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Phillipians 2: 15-16)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Luke 6:39-45)

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

MASS TIMES

Monday 4th to Sunday 10th March 2019

	English	Polish
Monday	9:15am	
Tuesday	No Mass	9:00am
Wednesday	12:00 noon	9:00am
(Ash Wednesday)	5:30pm	6:30pm
Thursday	9:15am	
Friday	12:00 noon	9:00am
Saturday	6:30pm	
Sunday	9:00am 4:30pm	10:45am

READINGS/ROSTERS

9th/10th March, 2019

First Sunday of Lent - Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and given him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

FIRST READING: (Deuteronomy 26: 4-10)

The confession of faith of the elect.

PSALM: (Psalm 90:1-2, 10-15)

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

SECOND READING: (Romans 10:8-13)

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Matthew 4: 4)

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth
of God.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: (Luke 4:1-13)

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Saturday 6:30pm

Readers Debbie Large, Gerry McGushin

Ministers Ed Sianski, Donna Bone

Projector Threesa K

Sunday 9:00am

Readers Aleksandra Lejda, Seena

Ministers Phyllis Nicoll, Paul de Groot

Sick Paul de Groot

Projector Izak Hangan

Sunday 4:30pm

Readers Peter Flint, Colleen Rakowski

Ministers Marj Smith, Cameron Brown

Projector Daniel Duharte

Altar Polish Community

Cleaning Polish Community

Counters Maria Rodgers, Debbie Large