

# St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish



## Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

### Sunday, 4th November, 2018

### THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

## FROM THE PASTOR

### COMMUNITY - OUR GREATEST NEED

I grew up in a church which was concerned with apologetics. We were forever worried about making ourselves credible. A lot of effort went into showing that the faith made sense, that being a Christian fulfilled rather than denigrated humanity. We devised all kinds of arguments intended to impress or discredit non-believers: proofs for the existence of God, arguments demonstrating why the human person needs God, and schemae that tried to demonstrate the validity of the church as an institution.

As a young man studying theology, I often met this kind of question in a classroom: "Imagine you are travelling on a bus and you meet an atheist, how would you talk about God to such a person?" Or, for those of us who were Roman Catholics, we got more specific: "Imagine you are on a train and meet a Protestant, how would you attempt to show that the Roman Catholic Church is the right one?"

Most of these arguments didn't get beyond the safety of the classroom. I have been in ministry for 15 years and have, rarely, on bus, train, boat, or plane, met that questioning atheist or Protestant. Most talk on buses and trains revolves around sports, entertainment, politics, and food. Despite this, the old apologetics had some value, it helped make the faith more credible to those within it.

We still need an apologetics. However, its audience has radically changed. If I wrote or taught on apologetics today, I would pose the question this way: "Imagine you are sitting at your family table... where some of your own family no longer attend church or take seriously the church's moral teachings, how would you try to prove that faith and Christianity are credible?" We've come a long way from the theoretical atheist on the bus!

The problem of faith in our time is the problem of unbelief among believers. For too many of us, faith in Christ is little more than a hangover...toxic residue from a former activity. What do I perceive as the issue behind this? The problem, I submit, both within and without, is a problem of credibility, the faith is no longer believable to, nor liveable for, many in our age.

Why? Why is Christ known, but not really believed in? When I scan religious literature, I see various proposed explanations: Conservatives blame our present malaise upon lack of prayer and the failure of our age to keep the commandments, pure and simple. If we don't pray and our moral lives are shabby, how can we expect to have a vital faith? Liberals point to slow renewal within the church as the cause. We are not really renewed, they argue. We still pray to God, talk about God, and worship God in mythical and medieval images.

# FROM THE PASTOR

## (CONTINUED)

We are schizophrenic in regards to religion. We live modern lives but try to live an old-time religion. Ultimately, this freezes God out of all the important areas of life. Religion becomes the great art form and the church becomes the great museum.

Social justice advocates submit that the problem is one of affluence. If Christ made a preferential option for the poor and Christianity is seeing life from the bottom, it is, quite simply, impossible to live as affluently and selfishly as we do and still have a vital connection to Christ.

There is some truth in each of these, but, in the end, the real reason for the erosion of faith and hope in Christ is something beyond all of these. What, singularly, are we missing today within Christianity that could make us credible to the world and to our own families?

Community. The greatest need in our time is, as Jim Wallis puts it, “not simply for kerygma, the preaching of the Gospel; nor for diakonia; service on behalf of justice; nor for charisma, the experience of the spirit’s gifts; nor even for propheteia; the challenging of the King.

The greatest need of our time is for koinonia, the call simply to be church....to offer to the world a living, breathing, loving community of church. This is the foundation of all answers.” (Jim Wallis, *The Call to Conversion*, Page 109)

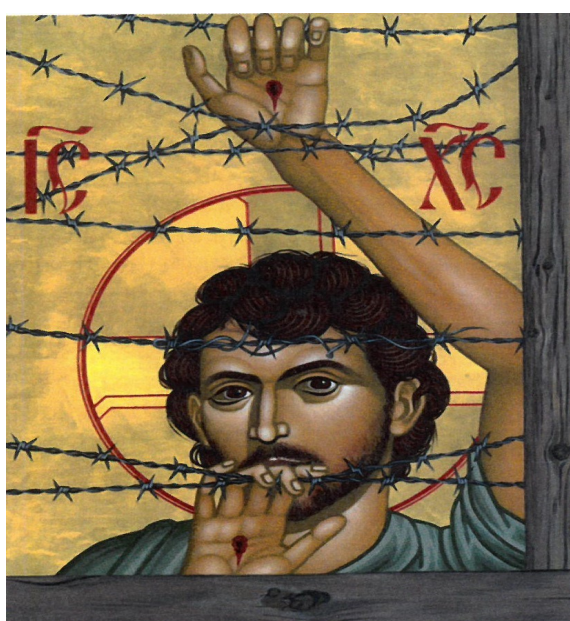
In the end, people are as agnostic about faith, Christ, and the church as they are about the experience of community. When there is a strong experience of community there is generally a strong faith. For example, wherever today we see a strong faith, we see, invariably, strong community... RCIA groups, cursillo groups, marriage encounter groups, social justice groups, charismatic groups, Bible study groups, third order groups. These are pockets of fervour within the church and it is no accident that all of them are linked to strong community experiences. As well, even in those Christians who are deeply committed and beyond first fervour, we see that ultimately their strength issues from community, the Eucharist, common prayer, and a shared morality and life within the Holy Spirit.

Christianity, in the end, is a communal endeavour. We believe in it when community works, we stop believing in it when community and family break down. Our primary task today is to live community. If we can do that, then the visible body of Christ, the church, will have an incredible resurrection.

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI ©

In your heart

Fr Mark Hanns MSC



### Christ on the Margins

The icon does not make clear  
which side of the fence Christ is on.  
Is he imprisoned or are we?  
Through our cultural institutions and personal lives  
we all place barriers  
between ourselves and true happiness.  
We and our institutions also try  
to imprison Christ in various ways,  
to tame him  
and the dangerous memories  
he would bring us of our goals and ideals.  
Christ on the Margins cannot be tamed.  
**Robert Lentz ofm**

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

### **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

A time for preparing our children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation is approaching. An invitation is extended to any parents who wish their children to take part in preparing to celebrate First Reconciliation to complete an enrolment form and forward the form either prior to, or at the information sessions. The forms are located in the Church foyer. We ask for everyone to please pray for our Parish children as they prepare for their First Reconciliation on Monday, 3rd December 2018 at 6:30pm. The dates for preparation meetings are:

- **An introductory session for Parents only - Thursday, 8th November** in the Parish Centre at 7:00pm.
- **Presentation to the Parish - Sunday, 11th November, Mass, 9:00am.** Candidates will be presented to the Parish Community. This will be followed by the **First Preparation workshop**, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre from approx. 10:15am to 11:15am.
- **Mass - Sunday, 18th November, Mass, 9:00am.** This will be followed by the **Second Preparation Workshop**, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre from approx. 10:15am to 11:15am.
- **Mass Sunday, 25th November.**
- **Mass - Sunday, 2nd December, Mass, 9:00am.** This will be followed by the **Third Preparation Workshop**, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre from approx. 10:15am to 11:15am.
- **First Reconciliation, Monday, 3rd December, at 6:30pm,** for Parents, Children 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 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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **2019 ST COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR**

Two 2019 St Columban Art Calendar are left for sale at the Piety Shop for only \$9.00.

### **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 assist the MSC Missions.



### **PARISH WORKING BEE**

Commencing at 9:00am on Saturday, 10th November a working bee will be held to clean up around the Church and Parish Centre. A Sausage Sizzle will be held after the working bee.

### **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

The St Therese's Saint Vincent de Paul Conference and our Parish School are seeking items of non-perishable food for Christmas hampers which will be distributed to people in need prior to Christmas. Baskets will be located in the church foyer from this weekend until mid-December. If you are able to help out this would be very much appreciated.

### **MAKE JESUS REAL 2019 CALENDAR**

Marty Ogle will be selling these bright, uplifting calendars after Masses next week. They carry beautiful messages that families, relatives and friends will relate to and would be a super Christmas present. All profits from the sales will be given to Father Mark to distribute to those in our parish who may need a helping hand at Christmas. \$12 per calendar or 3 for \$30.



**MJR 2019 Calendar**

### **100TH ANNIVERSARY POLISH INDEPENDENCE**

Next Sunday, 11 November, the Polish community is celebrating the 100th anniversary of Poland regaining independence on that day in 1918. Part of the celebrations include a Polish Day at the Polish Hall (22 New Town Rd) from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm where Polish food, music dancing and displays will be featured. Everyone from the St Therese's Parish is invited to celebrate the day with their co-parishioners.

### **NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS**

Offerings for the Souls of the Faithful Departed can still be made. In the foyer are "Mass Offering" envelopes. If you would like a Mass to be offered for someone please complete and add to the normal collections.

### **75TH ANNIVERSARY MISSIONARY SISTERS OF SERVICE**

The Missionary Sisters of Service are celebrating! Now in their 75<sup>th</sup> year, the first of their official 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary events will be held on Bruny Island on Sunday, 25 November when a permanent memorial to their "beginnings" will be blessed and dedicated at St Brendan's Church, Alonnah. All interested people are invited to attend any or all events on that day: light lunch (12:30pm), the blessing and dedication (2:30pm), Mass (3:00pm) and afternoon tea (4:00pm). A bus (\$20pp payable in cash on the day) will leave St Aloysius Catholic College car park, Huntingfield, at 9:30am sharp and return about 6:00-6:15pm. Further information and rsvp for catering 9th November, Sr Lorraine Groves MSS [lorrainegrovesmss@gmail.com](mailto:lorrainegrovesmss@gmail.com), 6245 3737 or 0409 172 741.

### **CAROLS ON THE HILL - 15th DECEMBER 2018—GYC OVAL BARRACK STREET HOBART**

**Calling all Christmas lovers!!** Do you love singing? Do you love singing about Christmas? Yes? Then we want you!!! **Carols on the Hill 2018** is an Archdiocese of Hobart outdoor carol event, and we are putting together an event choir specially for the night. We are looking for people in our parish communities to be involved. There will be 3 rehearsals leading up to the day. These will be held from 6:00 pm -7:30 pm on November 30th and the 5th and 14th of December. Music and rehearsal CDs will be available prior rehearsals. To express interest and for further information, please contact [ella.tobin@aohtas.org.au](mailto:ella.tobin@aohtas.org.au) or 0468 601 517.

## **WAY TO ST JAMES PILGRIMAGE**

Have you registered yet for the Way to St James Pilgrimage which will be held on January 11th and 12th 2019? Early bird registrations have been extended by one week so make the most of this opportunity to be a part of this wonderful two-day walk through the scenic Huon Valley to the Church of St James in Cygnet. You can register here at [www.waytostjames.com.au/register/](http://www.waytostjames.com.au/register/) For more information, please feel free to contact Leanne Prichard on 0409434784 or at [leanne.prichard@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:leanne.prichard@catholic.tas.edu.au)

## **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.

## **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 May 26<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing [info@griegtograceaus.org.au](mailto:info@griegtograceaus.org.au) or phone 0478599241. For more information visit [www.griegtograce.org](http://www.griegtograce.org)

## **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.

## **THE GREAT COMMANDMENT**

Deut 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34

The scribe who asks Jesus the question 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' is not being hostile. He is seeking genuine information. Surprisingly, Jesus answers his question immediately. Usually Jesus throws the questions back to the questioner. But on this occasion, Jesus' answer weaves together two quite distinct parts of the Law (Torah).

Jesus begins his answer with the words from Moses: 'Listen, Israel. The Lord our God is one Lord.' Our whole attention is to be placed on the one and only Lord God. There can be no distraction from this simple, direct gaze on the Lord God.

What did the word 'love' mean in Jesus' time? In our Western culture, we tend to equate love with certain feelings of affection and emotion. In Jesus' time, love was not necessarily related to feelings of affection and emotion but rather to attachment to a group. It found expression in attachment to a kinship or village or factional group.

So to love the Lord your God with all your heart and mind and soul and strength is to place God at the central point of reference for one's existence. It means that all other gods were excluded and that Yahweh-God is the only God.

The second part of the commandment: 'To love your neighbour as yourself' takes on a similar role. You must be exclusively attached to the people of your neighbourhood. In the full text, it is quite clear that one's neighbours are the people who live in that district, who are connected to the person by blood or locality.

The scribe then states that 'this commandment is far more important than any sacrifice or holocaust.' Jesus praises the man in front of the whole crowd: 'You are not far from the kingdom.'



In our Western society, this sort of attachment is hard to attain. We tend to join a particular group and remain attached as long as it serves our own needs. When it fails to serve us, we feel free to leave it and go elsewhere for our satisfaction. Jesus calls us to give ourselves totally to God and neighbour. Loving God means that we make people who are important to God important to us.

Noel Mansfield, msc ©

## **STEWARDSHIP**

*"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." MARK 10:52*

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. But, if you focus on the positive, not the negative, focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common and you will see God's active presence in your daily life.

### **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Envelopes: \$ 1,630.50

Loose: \$ 952.15

**TOTAL: \$ 2,582.65**

Week's Budget Collections:

\$ 2,538.00

**DIFFERENCE \$ 44.65**

**Thank You!**



## **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.

## **PLENARY COUNCIL UPDATE**

With more than 5 million people ticking "Catholic" on the last Australian Census, the Plenary Council was always going to be ambitious in its efforts to connect with and hear from a large number of people.

At the end of September 2018, the National Centre for Pastoral Research analysed the number of people who have been able to share their stories of life and faith with the Plenary Council. That number had smashed through the 10,000 mark, but as Plenary Council facilitator Lana Turvey-Collins said, that's a good start, but it is just a beginning in an effort to reach as many people as possible.

Next week we will publish our draft Parish response to the Plenary Council. It is not too late to add your voice to our Parish response or directly to the Plenary Council via this link <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>

## **LET US PRAY FOR**

### ***The Sick***

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

### ***Anniversaries***

*Adam Krasnicki, Barbara Therese Rakowski, Amy Elizabeth Rose, Rogelio Gabriel, Walter Gamble. George Harrison, Lionel J. Ford, Margaret Mary Watson, Fr Patrick Fanning, Franciszek Czernkowski, Diane Radcliffe, Stefan Chrost (Jnr), Brian Sertori, Ellen Deacon, Bridget Monaghan, Donato Brighella, William Thomas Hangan, Anna Puzinowski, Nellie Curtin, Maria Adamus, Eugeniusz Pikula, Fr Albert Cuneo, Br Denis Phillips, John Henry Imlach, Leonard Haney, Piotr Czechowski, Fr Thomas O'Loughlin, Stuart George Smith, Lachlan O'Keefe, Monica Haley, Roman Raszdorf, Matthew Grubb, Harril George Watson, Marie Beckitt, James William Monaghan, Kevin Baker, William Henry Hinds, John Aiken, Eileen Hardinge, James Malcom Monaghan, 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, Christopher Davey, Mark Davey, Fr Kevin Graydon, Von Jenkins, Zofia Jablonski, Augustyn Celny.*

### ***Recently Deceased***

*Fr Peter Nicholls*

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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

## **PLENARY COUNCIL:**

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

## **READINGS**

*4th November, 2018*

*Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary*

*Time - Year B*

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;  
be not far from me!

Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!

### **FIRST READING:** (Deuteronomy 6:2-6)

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart.

### **PSALM:** (Psalm 17:2-4, 47, 51)

I love you, Lord, my strength.

### **SECOND READING:** (Hebrews 7:23-28)

This one, because he remains for ever, has  
an eternal priesthood.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them, and we will  
come to them.

Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL:** (Mark 12:28-34)

This is the first commandment, and the  
second is similar to it.

## **MASS TIMES**

**Monday 5th to Sunday 11th November**  
**2018**

	<b>English</b>	<b>Polish</b>
Monday	9:15am	
Tuesday	<b>No Mass</b>	9:00am
Wednesday	12:00 noon	6:30pm
Thursday	9:15am	
Friday	12:00 noon	9:00am
Saturday	6:30pm	
Sunday	9:00am 4:30pm	10:45am

## **READINGS/ROSTERS**

*11th November, 2018*

*Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary*

*Time - Year B*

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

### **FIRST READING:** (1 Kings 17:10-16)

The widow made a little scone from her flour  
meal and brought it to Elijah.

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

Praise the Lord, my soul!

### **SECOND READING:** (Hebrews 9:24-28)

Christ offered himself only once to take the  
faults of many on himself.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL:** (Mark 12:38-44)

This poor widow has put more in than all who  
contributed.

### **Saturday 6:30pm**

**Readers** *Debbie Large,  
Margaret Henderson*

**Ministers** *Steve Randell, Donna Bone*

**Projector** *Chris K*

### **Sunday 9:00am**

**Readers** *Tony Webb, Marie Anders*

**Ministers** *Silpa Cherpanath, Phyllis Nicoll*

**Sick** *Mark Hanns*

**Projector** *Eva Hangan*

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

**Readers** *Cameron Brown, Kerrie Morrisby*

**Ministers** *Marj Smith, Carol Kitt*

**Projector** *Melissa Brown*

**Altar** *Fran Smith*

**Cleaning** *Polish Community*

**Counters** *Michael & Eva Hangan*