

St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish



Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

Sunday 6th May, 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

FROM THE PASTOR

POVERTY, CHASTITY, AND OBEDIENCE IN A SECULAR AGE

Cardinal Francis George was once asked what he thought of the radical pacifism of people like Dorothy Day and Daniel Berrigan, prophetic figures who believed in absolute nonviolence. How can this be practical, he was asked, it's utterly naïve to believe that we can live without police and without soldiers. This was his reply: *The world needs pacifists in the same way as it needs vowed celibates: They're not practical. They're out of place in this world. But they point to the eschatological world, the world of heaven, a world within which there will be no guns, where relational exclusivities will not exist as they exist now, where family will not be based on biology, blood, or marriage, where there will be no poor people, and where everything will belong to everyone.*

I thought of that recently as I was conducting a workshop on religious life for a group of young people who were discerning whether or not to enter vowed religious life. My task was not to try to persuade them to join a religious community but to help them understand what that life, should they join it, would entail. That meant, of course, long discussions on the three vows that people take to be in religious life: *poverty, chastity, and obedience* (classically termed "the Evangelical Counsels").

What's to be said about poverty, chastity, and obedience in a world that, for the most part, places its hope in material riches, generally identifies chastity with frigidity, and values individual freedom above all else?

Well, no doubt, poverty, chastity, and obedience are seen as radically counter-cultural; but that's mostly because they are generally not very well understood (sometimes even by those who are living them out). For the most part they are seen as a drastic renunciation, the sacrificing of a full life, the unnatural denial of one's sexuality, and the adolescent signing over of one's freedom and creativity. But that's a misunderstanding.

Poverty, chastity, and obedience are not a missing out on riches, sexuality, and freedom. *They are rather a genuine, rich, modality of riches, sexuality, and freedom.*

The vow of poverty isn't primarily about living with cheaper things, not having a dishwasher and doing your own housework. It's also not about renouncing the kinds of riches that can make for the full flourishing of life. A life of voluntary poverty is a lived way of saying that all material possessions are gift, that the world belongs to everyone, that nobody owns a country, and that nobody's needs are first. It's a vow against consumerism and tribalism, and it brings its own wonderful riches in terms of meaning and in the happiness and joy of a shared life.

FROM THE PASTOR

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Likewise for the vow of chastity: Properly understood, it is not a missing out on the joys of sexuality. It's a rich modality of sexuality itself, given that being sexual means more than having sex. Sexuality is a beautiful, God-given drive within us for lots of things: community, friendship, togetherness, wholeness, family, play, altruism, enjoyment, delight, creativity, genital consummation, and for everything that takes us beyond our aloneness and makes us generative. And so the very real joys that are found in community, friendship, and service of others are not a second-rate substitute for sex. They bring their own sexual flourishing in terms of leading us out of our aloneness.

The same holds true for obedience. Properly understood, it's not a missing out on real freedom. Rather it's a rich modality of freedom itself, one practised by Jesus (who repeatedly says: "I do nothing on my own. I do only the Father's will.") Obedience, as a religious vow, is not an immature sacrificing of one's freedom and adulthood. It's rather a radical submitting of one's human ego (with all its wounds, desires, lusts, private ambitions, and envies) to something and Someone higher than oneself, as seen in the human and religious commitments in persons from Jesus, to Teilhard de Chardin, to Dag Hammarskjold, to Simone Weil, to Mother Teresa, to Jean Vanier, to Daniel Berrigan. In each of these we see a person who walked this earth in a freedom we can only envy but clearly too in a freedom that's predicated on a genuflecting of one's individual will to something higher than itself.

Our thoughts and our feelings are strongly influenced by the cultural software within which we find ourselves. Thus, given how our culture understands riches, sex, and freedom today, this may well be the most difficult time in many centuries to make the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience and live them out. Small wonder religious communities are not over-flooded with applications. But because it is more difficult than ever, it is also more important than ever that a number of women and men choose, voluntarily, to prophetically live out these vows.

And their seeming sacrifice will be amply rewarded because, paradoxically, poverty brings its own riches, chastity brings its own flourishing, and obedience provides us with the deepest of all human freedoms.

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI ©

BLESSING AND COMMISSIONING OF MINISTERS.

It is a worthy practice to show recognition and appreciation to the members of our parish who serve the community in various ministries, and to pray the grace of the Holy Spirit upon them. I would like to do this using a Rite of Blessing for our ministers. This will take place firstly next Sunday on the Feast of the Ascension at all Masses, beginning with those who are ministers of the Word and ministers of the Eucharist. Many others are engaged in ministries of service in various ways, and these I would like to bless and commission at the following Sunday, Pentecost. There is no need for worry if anyone is absent. We can repeat these Rites of Blessing on following weeks as necessary. We will bless all ministers, not only the new ones. You don't have to memorise anything or do anything special, just be there and I will call you forward as a group. We thank you and appreciate your self-giving.

In His Heart Fr Mark MSC

PARISH NOTICES

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CONFIRMATION

Sacramental preparation for Confirmation will commence shortly. Please pray for our Parish children who are preparing for Confirmation on Saturday, 7th July 2018 at 6:30pm. The dates for preparation meetings are:

- **Meeting for Parents only** - Thursday, 24th May in the Parish Centre at 7:00pm.
- **Presentation to the Parish** - Sunday, 27th May, Mass, 9:00am. Candidates will be presented with a crucifix to wear during the preparation time. This will be followed by the **First Workshop**, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre immediately following the 9:00am Mass.
- **Mass** Sunday, 3rd June.
- **Presentation of Creed** - Sunday, 10th June, Mass, 9:00am. Candidates will be presented with the Creed during Mass. This will be followed by the **Second Workshop**, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre immediately following the 9:00am Mass.
- **Mass** Sunday, 17th June.
- **Mass** - Sunday, 24th June, Mass, 9:00am. This will be followed by the **Third Workshop**, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre immediately following the 9:00am Mass.
- **Practice & Archbishop's Visit** - Thursday, 5th July. 5:45pm, **Practice for Confirmation in Church**, for Parents, Candidates and Sponsors. **Visit of Archbishop Julian**, 6:45pm in Parish Centre, for Parents, Candidates and Sponsors.
- **Confirmation with Mass**, Saturday, 7th July, at 6:30pm, for Parents, Candidates, Sponsors and Family.

THE ANNUAL PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOR THE FEAST OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

Archbishop Julian Porteous continues a centuries-old Corpus Christi tradition in June, as he leads the annual Walk with Christ procession through Hobart. This event is open to Catholics of all ages, and it revives a rich Catholic tradition of public faith demonstration through procession and festival. The procession begins at St Joseph's Church (65 Harrington Street) at 1.15pm on Sunday 3 June. Continuing along Harrington Street, the procession arrives at St Mary's Cathedral for Benediction at 3.00pm. Participants who are unable to walk in the procession are invited to come to St Mary's Cathedral at 2.00pm to take part in the Adoration and concluding Benediction. Long-term car parking near the Cathedral is available at the Hobart City Council's Carpark in Melville Street. The carpark closes at 4.30pm. For more details contact Deacon Nick MacFarlane on 0418 242 010. We encourage you to invite your family and friends to join with us and witness the presence of Christ in Hobart. Watch the promotional video. Go to YouTube and search 'Walk with Christ Hobart 2018' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rMs8qRu7-0Q>

EARTH MATTERS

Pope Francis' Encyclical "Laudato Si" can be downloaded from the following web address. <https://laudatosi.com/watch>

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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & ROSARY

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

CRAFTY!!!!

A small group of parishioners meet on a regular basis at Caroline Rakowski's home to make birthday cards for children who have been baptised within the parish, and other cards. If you would like to be part of this group, please contact Caroline on 03 6272 8282.

PAUL MAGGS' BOOK (DARE TO DREAM)

Paul Maggs was an MSC Priest in the 1980s and ministered here at St Therese's for a couple of years. He has written a book "Dare to Dream ... a personal journey", this book is now available for purchase at \$15.00. The profits from the sale of this book will be donated to Monivae College, Hamilton, Victoria, for the education of indigenous students from the Northern Territory. The book is inspirational, informative and ideal for discussion groups. It has a message for all age groups from senior college students to those in their senior years.

HOBART HAVEN

All young adults are invited to a new weekly event that will be held in St Mary's Cathedral called Hobart Haven. This event is a chance for young people to get away from the noise and rush of daily life and simply spend some time with Jesus. Hobart Haven will run every Wednesday from 6-7pm at St Mary's Cathedral and will include: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, time for silent prayer, hymns, scripture reflection, chance for Confession and Benediction.

TASMANIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Registrations for this event are now open. You can register at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/tcyf-night-rally-hobart-tickets-45185726725>. The inaugural "Tasmanian Catholic Youth Festival" (TCYF) will be held on May 17th in Hobart with a fantastic line-up of speakers and performers. They include US singer/songwriter and ACYF performer Steve Angrisano, entrepreneur and Oneplate charity founder Therese Nichols. The festival will consist of a day session which will be open to all school students from years 8-12 followed by a night rally that will be open to all young people up to 30 years of age. If you have any questions, please email youth@aohtas.org.au.

VOLUNTEERS FOR TASMANIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

With only three weeks to go until the *Tasmanian Catholic Youth Festival* we are putting a call out to anyone who might be interested in serving as a volunteer. We are aware that many of you are keen to lend a hand, especially when it comes to youth evangelisation, so this is a great opportunity to get involved and be a part of this awesome experience. We are searching for volunteers to assist with a number of service opportunities during both the festival day and night sessions. If you are only able to help for a short length of time, you are still more than welcome. The festival will be held on **Thursday 17 May** at Guilford Young College PAC, Glenorchy. 9am-4:30pm (day) 4:30pm-8pm (night). We are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- Greeting
- Ushering
- Set-up/clean-up
- Catering
- Information/Registration
- First aid
- Backstage
- Liaison
- Music performance

All volunteers would be required to have

their Working With Vulnerable People card in order to volunteer. There are no age restrictions for volunteers so no matter your age, we would love to have you help. If you are interested in helping with either the day or the night session, or both, please email youth@aohtas.org.au or simply respond to this email. If you know anyone else who may have an interest in serving in this way, please forward this email on to them. We are hoping to confirm volunteers shortly. More information on the festival and registrations can be found below:

<https://hobart.catholic.org.au/content/tasmanian-catholic-youth-festival-1>

WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMAGE **JANUARY 2019**

The Archdiocese of Hobart is planning to take young people to the upcoming World Youth Day in Panama, to be held in January 2019. If you are aged between 18-35 years old, please take one of the postcards located in the Church foyer. The estimated cost is around \$5,000 per person. Additionally, if you are interested please see Deacon Michael so planning can be commenced to assist with fundraising towards your attendance.

MOVIE SCREENING - PAUL, APOSTLE **OF CHRIST**

The Archdiocese has organised two special screenings of the movie "Paul, Apostles of Christ". This movie will not be showing in Tasmania apart from these screenings. The Office of Evangelisation is hosting special screenings of the movie, "**Paul, Apostles of Christ**" on **May 10 and 18 at 7pm at Village Cinema, Eastlands**. This Christian movie depicts the life of St Paul the Apostle, starring Jim Caviezel from "The Passion of Christ" as St Luke. Advanced bookings and payment are essential through **Eventbrite** (<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/>), search for Rosny Park. For information: Christine Wood, 6208-6236. **Tickets selling fast!**

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Wednesday, 9th May^{at} St. Joseph's Church / side chapel; corner. Harrington and Macquarie Streets. Catholic Charismatic Renewal warmly invites all to join us for our Charismatic Mass. The evening commences at 7.30 pm with Songs of Praise and Worship and concludes with supper around 9pm. Opportunity for personal prayer after Mass. Enquiries: Di van Tienen 6227 1789 / 0447350379 or Judi Richardson 0409780827.

ST MARY'S COLLEGE 150th ANNIVERSARY **GALA DINNER**

Kick up your heels – it's time to party! We are very excited to announce that tickets to our 150th Anniversary Gala Dinner are now available for purchase. All members of the St Mary's College community are invited to join us in celebrating our major milestone by attending the dinner, which will be held from 5.30pm on Saturday, 12 May 2018 at the Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart. Tickets are \$89 a head (includes three courses and musical entertainment). Book a ticket Go to www.smc.tas.edu.au/150th-anniversary/ to buy your tickets. For more information contact hello@eventsphere.com.au or 0418 325 927.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Many men and women who suffer grief after an abortion need hope to move on. You are not alone, there is hope after an abortion experience. We can help. Our next Rachel's Vineyard retreat for healing after abortion will be held in Hobart, on August 31st to September 2nd. To speak to someone please call Anne Sherston on the confidential phone lines 03 62298739 or 0478599241.

80TH ANNIVERSARY SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL GEEVESTON

Sacred Heart Catholic School Geeveston is celebrating its 80th Anniversary. To mark this important milestone in the school's wonderful history, you are invited to attend our Anniversary Mass and Morning Tea. **Thursday, 7th June, 2018 at 9.30am.** The Mass will be led by Archbishop Porteous, at Sacred Heart Catholic School Hall, 4690 Huon Highway Geeveston. **Morning Tea will follow at 10.30am.** RSVP by Thursday, 24th May, to the School Office on 6297 1313 or Email shg@catholic.tas.edu.au. All current and past members of our school community, including sisters, clergy, staff, students, families, parishioners and friends of Sacred Heart Catholic School are invited to attend and celebrate this important milestone.

KENOSIS RETREAT

Kenosis means self emptying and refers to God, putting his divinity aside to come amongst us as a human being. This retreat we will explore who we are so as to accept ourselves and truly be in a position to empty ourselves for others. Date: June 15th – 18th 2018, Presenter: Fr Ray Sanchez C.P. Venue: Maryknoll House of Prayer, Blackman's Bay. Further information call Anne on 0407704539 or email journallingretreat@iinet.net.au.

PROCLAIM CONFERENCE

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's PROCLAIM Conference on Parish Renewal and Evangelisation will be held in Brisbane, 12-14 July, 2018. Focus areas: Leadership, Culture Change, Young People, Belonging and Evangelisation. Early bird registrations available until 22 April. For information: <http://proclaimconference.com.au/> For those with limited finances, partial sponsorship is available via the National Centre for Evangelisation, email: director@nce.catholic.org.au.

WORK WANTED

Silpa Thomas is looking for all types of data entry jobs, web site development or software development. If you know of anything please contact Silpa on 0450 123 721.

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 1,770.00
Loose:	\$ 849.05
TOTAL:	\$ 2,619.05
<u>Week's Budget Collections:</u>	<u>\$ 2,538.00</u>
DIFFERENCE	\$ 81.05

Thank You!

STEWARDSHIP

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" – JOHN 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

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

Anniversaries

*Sr Mary Honorata Scanlon, Syd Riley,
Darcy Cooper, Tony Andrikonis,
Janine Smith, Eleonora Szczypior,
Cedric Davey, 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, Aldo Perri, Stanislaw Ozon,
Dolly Webster, Saturnino Gabriel,
Margaret (Peggy) Duggan,
Mary Magdalene Coad, Fr Alan Guest,
Zofia Michalewicz, Fr Mark McGuinness MSC,
Irene Jędrzejczak, 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,
Stanislaw Halys, Janina Z. Kopaczynski,
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Recently Deceased

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Saturday 11:00am-11:30am

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By appointment

ARCHDIOCESAN WEBSITE:

www.hobart.catholic.org.au

TOWARDS HEALING HELPLINE:

Phone: 1800 356 613

TRUTH JUSTICE & HEALING

COUNCIL:

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

READINGS

6th May, 2018

6th Sunday of Easter - Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING: (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48)

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out
upon the gentiles also.

PSALM: (Psalm 97:1-4)

The Lord has revealed to the nations his
saving power.

SECOND READING: (1 John 4:7-10)

God is love.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (John 14:23)

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (John 15:9-17)

No one can have greater love than to lay
down his life for his friends.

MASS TIMES

Monday 7th to Sunday 13th May 2018

	English	Polish
Monday	9:15am	
Tuesday	No Mass	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

13th May, 2018

The Ascension of the Lord - Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

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, 6-9)

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

SECOND READING: (Ephesians 4:1-13)

To the measure of the full stature of Christ.

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
world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Mark 16:15-20)

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of God.

Saturday 6:30pm

Readers Gerry McGushin, Debbie Large

Ministers Monica & Ed Sianski

Projector Anne Thuringer

Sunday 9:00am

Readers Peter van Loggerenberg,
Maria Rodgers

Ministers Rexine & Gerard Synnott

Sick Gerard Synnott

Projector Izak Hangan

Sunday 4:30pm

Readers John Kitt, Kerrie Morrisby

Ministers Carol Kitt, Rebecca Goss

Projector Melissa Brown

Altar Fran Smith

Cleaning Fracalossi Family

Counters Roy Munro, David Devereux